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"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee." Deut. 8: 2.

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Dedicated to the Memory

of

Reverend William Sterling Lacy, D. D.

Wise Pastor,

Intellectual Guide,

Sweet Singer,

Inspirational Reader,

Sympathetic Friend,

Cultured Christian Gentleman, to whose ministry

and influence the author of this sketch

accords grateful tribute.

FOREWORD

In the preparation of this history I have followed, for all historical data, the written Minutes of our Presbyterial and of our Presbytery; written records by Mrs. B. F. Hall and given by her to the Secretary of the Presbyterial; also written data found among her private papers.

The incidents recorded I received from those taking active part in them, and vouched for by two or three witnesses of undoubted veracity.

For the history of early Presbyterianism in our State and Presbytery I have gathered my facts from "Foote's Sketches of North Carolina History," and from church histories by Dr. W. S. Lacy, Dr. W. W. Moore and Rev. W. P. M. Currie.

I wish to record my gratitude to Miss Jane Hall, our President, and to members of the Executive Committee of the Presbyterial for helpful criticisms and suggestions.

Minnie McIver Brown.

Chadbourn, N. C.,
Feb. 8th, 1923.

CHAPTER I.

ORGANIZATION

Students of the early history of Presbyterianism in North Carolina are agreed that the two largest settlements of Presbyterians in the State were the Scotch who settled the upper Cape Fear, with Cumberland county as the center, and those Scotch-Irish who occupied the Piedmont region centering around Granville and Orange counties. These sections remain today the great strongholds of Presbyterianism in the State.

These historians are also agreed that the earliest Presbyterian colony in the State was composed of Scotch-Irish emigrants from Ulster, led by Henry McCulloch, who in 1776 settled upon a grant of land in Duplin county, within the bounds of this Presbytery. This colony formed the congregation of Goshen Grove, three miles from the present site of Kenansville.

While both history and tradition are silent on the subject of church building and pastor, may we not rightfully conjecture that this band of Presbyterians, braving the hardships and dangers of the new world for the sake of civil and religious liberty, forsook not the assembling of themselves together for the worship of Almighty God? Since "the groves were God's first temples," is it not probable that in that "forest primeval" some godly man, doubtless at the suggestion of a saintly mother, read from the Book to an assembled congregation, and "in the darkling wood, amidst the cool and silence they knelt down and offered to the Mightiest solemn thanksgiving and supplication?" And while not yet was framed "the lofty vault to gather and roll back the sound of anthems," yet with God's chosen instrument of praise, the human voice, beneath the blue dome of heaven, and the interlacing branches of cedar and pine, these pioneer worshipers joined in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and old Scotia's grand and inspiring hymns, singing and making melody in their hearts unto God.

The present Grove church at Kenansville traces its origin back to this pioneer congregation.

Contemporary with this settlement was another Presbyterian one in New Hanover county on what was known as the Welsh Tract,

composed of Welsh emigrants, which was later reinforced by other families.

It is believed that Rev. William Robinson, the first Presbyterian minister to preach in North Carolina, visited these colonies in the winter of 1742-43. However, conjecture is not history, and not until the visit of Rev. Hugh McAden in 1755 does authentic history of Presbyterianism in this Presbytery begin. Mr. McAden kept a full journal of his missionary tour and it has been preserved to the present day. In it he tells us that he preached in Wilmington, Febuary 15, 1756, "in the morning to a large and splendid audience," but in the afternoon to only "about a dozen." The next two Sundays he preached to the people of the Welsh Tract, who evidently liked his preaching and him, for they extended him a call.

This is the first call issued to a Presbyterian minister by a North Carolina congregation. As it was not recorded in writing, or if so, not preserved, it probably did not constitute a formal call. So we find that the first recorded call was issued in 1758 by the congregations of Cumberland county, signed by twelve representative men, to Rev. James Campbell, who had been sent to them the year before by Rev. Mr. McAden. This call is recorded in the court records of that county.

It would appear, however, that the Rev. Hugh McAden kept the call of the Welsh Tract congregation in mind, for in 1759 we find him installed as pastor of the Duplin and New Hanover congregations, and presenting his credentials at a meeting of New Hanover Presbytery on Rockfish, July 18, 1759. This would indicate that there was an organized church here at which Presbytery was meeting, and fits in with the well established tradition that Rockfish church was organized in 1756.

Had records been preserved it would be interesting to tell in a history of woman's work in the Presbytery the number of women who were charter members of these first churches ministered to by Mr. McAden. We know from given records that there was a "Woman's Auxiliary" even though it may have counted but one woman on its roll, for we read that Mr. McAden married Miss Scott of Lunenburg county, Va., and that she came with him, taking the long journey on horseback through many miles of wild forest infested by hostile Indians, and like Rebecca of old, for love's sweet sake took up her abode in a land that she knew not of. And though no record of her life and deeds has come down to us save the significant one that she bore and reared a family of seven children, she must have been of heroic soul, intelligent and

devout to have been chosen as life companion and helpmate by this intellectual, highly educated man, a graduate of Nassau Hall, Princeton. She must also have been missionary-hearted to have been willing to come to this pioneer field. So we may justly claim Mrs. McAden as the pioneer representative of woman's work in this Presbytery.

From the beginning of Christ's ministry on down through the history of the church we catch glimpses of the work of individual women. Martha's consecrated gift was hospitality and service; Mary was the lavish giver, and both were intercessors for Lazarus. "Behold him whom thou lovest is sick." Dorcas consecrated her needle to Christian service; the daughters of Philip proclaimed the Gospel; Lydia's hospitality and faithfulness to prayer-meeting brought Christianity to Europe; the mother of Constantine founded a home for travellers, while his daughters opened the first hospital, and were the first to succor lepers.

Even Paul, whom we could not call partial to women, places the names of women on his roll call of Faith. "By faith, Sarah," "by faith, Rahab," "by faith women received their dead;" he commends "Phebe, our sister, which is a servant of the church," a deaconess, sends his letter to the Romans by her faithful hand, and requests that the church, "assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you; for she hath been a succourer of many and of myself also." He sends greetings to Priscilla, along with Aquila, "my helpers in Christ Jesus; who have for my life laid down their own necks, unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles." She was probably a deaconess also, she shared the travels, labours and dangers of her husband, and is always named along with him. He greets Mary as one "who bestowed much labour on us; also Tryphena and Tryphosa," probably sisters, "who labour in the Lord," "beloved Persis, who laboured much in the Lord"—a Christian woman of Rome, A. D. 55. He commends Timothy for "the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice."

Jesus gave only five special commendations, and four of these were of women. A woman first rejoiced at the announcement of His coming; women followed Him to Golgotha, and while the disciples deserted Him and fled, they stood by to the end, annointed His body for burial and saw where He was laid.

A woman discovered the empty tomb; a woman discovered the risen Lord; women first proclaimed the resurrection, at Christ's command, "Go tell my brethren." There were women in the group

when He said, "Ye are my witnesses;" women were in the upper chamber when the Holy Spirit descended with power, for Peter declared it the fulfillment of the prophecy, "Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. * * * And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my spirit; and they shall prophesy." On down through the ages He has been saying to her, in accents of unspeakable tenderness, "Daughter, be of good comfort."

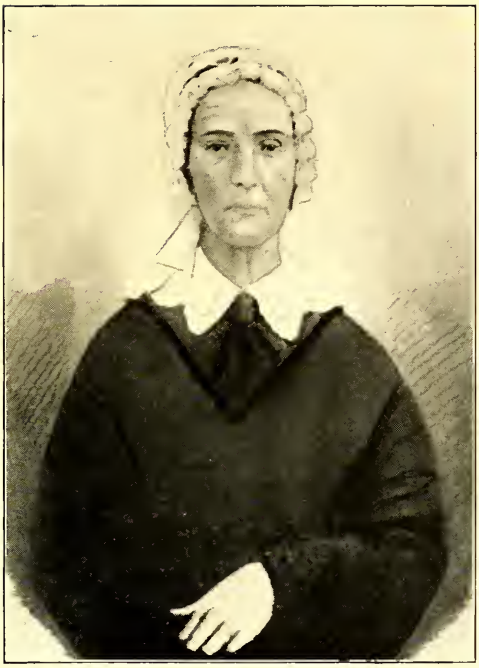
> Not she with traitorous kiss her Saviour stung;
> Not she denied Him with unholy tongue;
> She, while apostles shrank, could dangers brave,
> Last at the cross and earliest at the grave.

Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, Superintendent of Woman's Work in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., gives as the first woman's organization in the South of which we have any authentic record,, "The Female Benevolent Society of Richmond and Manchester," Va., which was organized in 1817 (no month given) as an auxiliary to the Bible Society of Virginia. It was interdenominational, and seemed to have been strictly a Bible Society.

The second society in the South, Mrs. Winsborough gives as "The Ladies' Benevolent Society" of New Providence Church (Lexington Presbytery) Va., organized in 1819. It adopted a regular constitution, setting forth as its object "to raise money for the support of missionaries, to aid pious young men to qualify for the ministry, or any other benevolent cause said society may think best."

The two oldest missionary societies in the Presbyterian church in North Carolina were given by Mrs. Winsborough as the "Society of Young Ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville," and "The Female Juvenile Missionary Society of Fayetteville Presbyterian Church." No written records of these societies have been preserved, and exact date of organization is not known. The minutes of the Fayetteville Presbytery from 1816 to 1820 record each year the contribution to Foreign Missions of certain sums from "Women of the First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville." This would indicate an organization, for otherwise their contributions would have naturally gone through the regular church channels, provided there were regular collections in our church for Foreign Missions at that early date.

The first reference to the "Society of Young Ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville" is an inspiration on a communion service presented by the said society to the church September 20th, 1824. Again in 1831 the sessional record of the church refers to "The Young Ladies' Missionary Society."



Mistress Dorothy Boney,
Treasurer of Rockfish Female Missionary Society, 1817.

On a monument in old Cross Creek Cemetery, Fayetteville, N. C., is this inscription: "Sacred to the Memory of our Pastor, Rev. James Douglas," etc. "Erected by the Female Juvenile Society of Fayetteville Presbyterian Church in 1837."

Another very old society is "The Female Cent Society" of Liberty county, Georgia, April 1, 1817, but that, like the Female Benevolent Society of Virginia was interdenominational and not strictly a Missionary Society. However, it was organized with a constitution, officers, list of members; and has had a continuous record from its very beginning.

The earliest attempt at organized woman's work in Wilmington Presbytery was in the old Rockfish congregation. Happily the records of this organization have been preserved, and show that the "Rockfish Female Missionary Society" was in existence as early as 1817. with the names of thirty women on its roll. They were accustomed to meet in the spring and in the fall. The minutes recording the first six months' contribution is dated March 23rd, 1818, so the society was evidently organized early in the fall of 1817. The contributions for the first year were: To the North Carolina Missionary Society, $17.50; to the purchase of religious tracts for the society, $6.50. So we see this early society carried the idea of Missionary Education along with giving, though it may not have had a secretary of literature.

The officers were: Mary Boney, president; Mary Teachey, vice-president; Dorothy Boney, treasurer; Eliza Tate, secretary.

The following is an exact copy of the seven-page Minutes of this old organization, including its roll of membership, believed to be the oldest preserved original record of any woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Southern Presbyterian Church:

		Page 1	
		$	cts
Mrs. Mary Boney, paid		1	
Mrs Mary F. Teachey		1	
Rebecca Bloodworth		1	
Dorothy Boney			50
Izbel Pigford			50
Ann Savage	Paid		50
Elizar Pigford			50
Mary New			50
Ann Boney			50
Prisilla Wilson			50
Elizar Wilson			50
Elizar Filyaw			60
Sarah Bloodworth		1	

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Mary Ann Boney	50
Catherine Boney	50
Mary Holmes Teachey	50
Elizar Tate	1
Rebecca Tate	50
Mary Tate	50
Joseb Pigford	50
Tempy Wood	50
Marthew Pigford	50
Ann W. Boney	50
Catherine Sotherland	50
Susanna Boney	50
Mary Boney	50
Penelopy Newcerk	1
Sophia Rivenbark	50
Jane Hall	1

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	$ cts
"Received of Mrs. Dorothy Boney Treasurer to the Rockfish female missionary Society Seventeen Dollars and fifty cents to be sent to the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the Treasurer of the North Carolina missionary Society by me this the 23 of March 1818 Rob Tate	17.59
"Received of Mrs. Boney dollar and fifty cents	1.50
Received of Mrs. D. Boney Six dollars Seventeen & half cents for purchase religious tracts for the female Society of Rockfish	6.17-1/2
Fayetteville October 2 1818 Received of the Reverend Robert Tate the sum of $19 a donation from the Rockfish female missionary society. W. M'Pheeters.	
Received Oct. 4, 1818 of Rev. Mr. Tate Six Dollars for Tracts. J. H. Hines.	

"page 4,

	$ cts
Elizabeth Pigford,	50
C. Sotherland	50
Is. Pigford	50
Jerusa Pigford	50

Martha Pigford	50
Molsy Boney	59
Mary Teachey	50
Mary H. Teachey	50
Mary Boney	50
Sarsana Boney	50
Ann Savidge	55
Ann Boney	50
Dorothy Boney	50
Mary Ann Boney	50
Catherine Boney	50
Temperance Wood	50
Penellope Newkirck	50
Eliza Wilson	50
Prissilla Wilson	50
Eliza Fillyaw	50

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Eliza Tate paid	1.
Margaret Tate	50
Sarah Filyaw	50
Mary New	1 50
Sarah Bloodworth	1
Rebeckah Thommes	50
Edward Pigford	90

Received from the Treasurer of the female missionary Society of Rockfish Meeting house to be given to the treasurer of the North Carolina Missionary Society this the 26 of Sept. 1819,
$15.60 fifteen dollars and sixty cents, by me

Rob Tate.

Died the 24th of July 1819, Mrs. Rebecca Bloodworth, a member of this society whose death we record with deep sorrow.

Died on the 15th of October, 1819, Miss Mary Ann Boney a member of this society whose death we record with deep sorrow.

Hannah Pigford
Joshus Pigford
Martha Pigford
Sophea Rivenbark paid 50 ct each
Tempe Wood
Elizabeth Tate
Margaret Tate
Izbel Pigford

Rebecca Thomas paid	50
Elizar Pigford	50
Mary Teachy	50
Mary Teachey	50

Sarah Bloodworth	50
Mary Boney	60
Ann Savage	60
Jane Gilman	50
Ann W. Boney	50
Eliza Wilson	50
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Mary Wilson	50
Prissiller Wilson	50
Dorothy Boney	59
Catherine Carr	50
Catherine Sotherland	50

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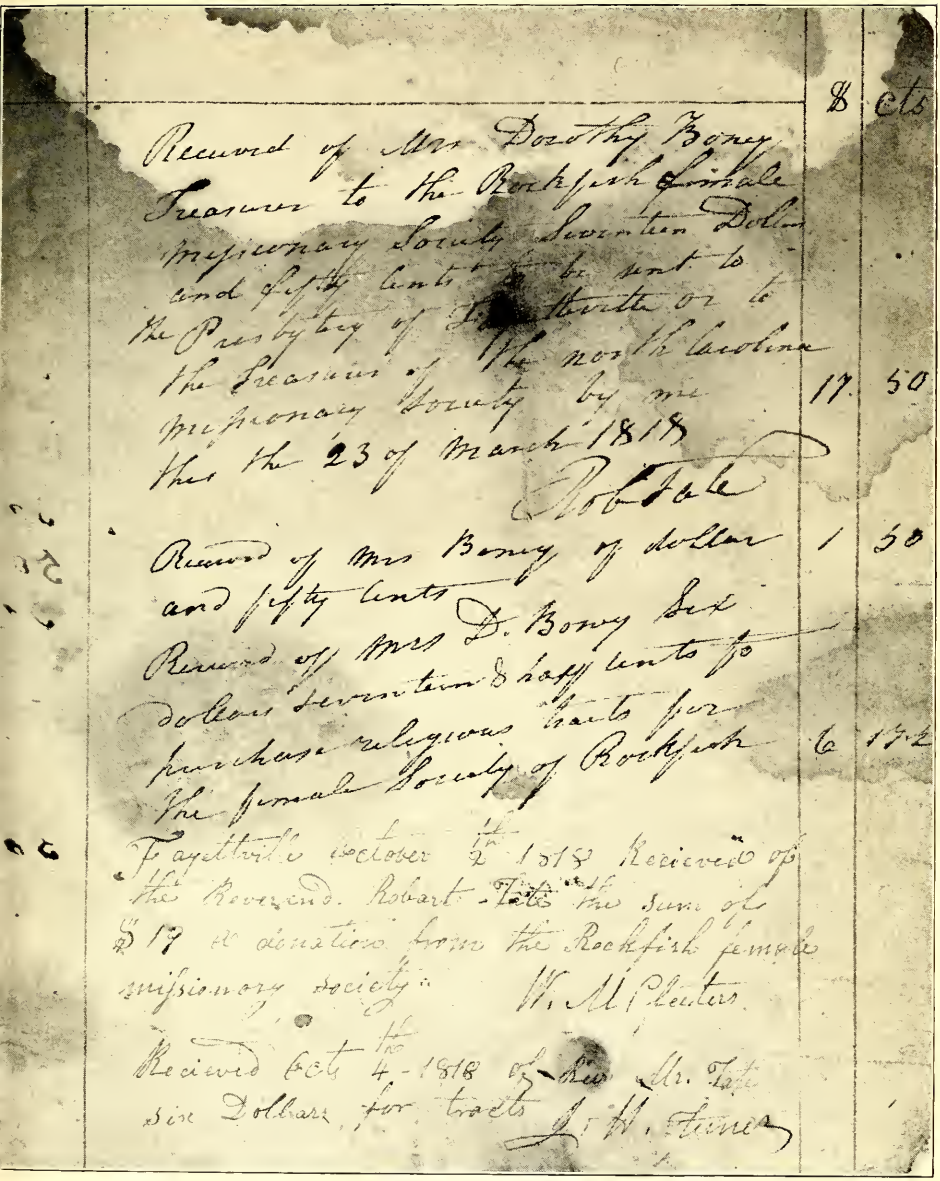
"Cumberland County Tirzah Church

Oct. 4, 1819.

Received of Rev. Robt. Tate
fifteen dollars and sixty cents as a donation from the
female Missionary Society at Rockfish.

Colin McIver"

The minutes preceeding this authorized Mr. Tate to pay this amount to the Treasurer of North Carolina Missionary Society, so Mr. McIver was evidently Treasurer at that time.



Recvd of Mrs Dorothy Bonny
Treasurer to the Rockfish Female
Missionary Society Seventeen Dollars
and fifty cents to be sent to
the Presbytery of Concord or to
the Treasurer of the north Carolina
Missionary Society by me
this the 23 of March 1818
Rob Hall

Recvd of Mrs Bonny a dollar and fifty cents
Recvd of Mrs D. Bonny Six dollars Seventeen & half cents to purchase religious tracts for the female Society of Rockfish

To settle October 4th 1818 Recieved of the Revrend. Robert Tate the sum of $17 a donation from the Rockfish female missionary society.
W. M. Peeters

Recived Oct 4th 1818 of Rev Mr Tate six Dollars for tracts
J. H. Bonny

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	1	50
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Facsimile of 3rd Page From Minutes of Rockfish Female Missionary Society

Dr. W. W. Moore, writing of Dr. John Holt Rice, founder of Union Theological Seminary, states that he organized the first Young Men's Missionary Society that ever existed in the whole of the territory extending from New Orleans to New York; that it was known as the Young Men's Missionary Society of Richmond, and consisted of about forty members, and that this was in 1819.

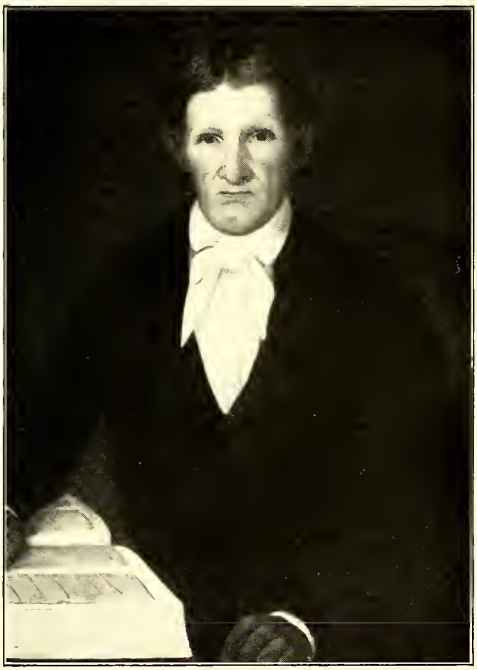
Attention is herewith called to the fact that the "Rockfish Female Missionary Society" antedates this organization by two years; that it anedates the two in Fayetteville Presbytery; that it is of equal date, at least, with the "Female Benevolent Society" of Virginia; that it antidates the "Ladies' Benevolent Society of New Providence Church," Virginia, by two years; that these thirty women at that early date in our church history led the way in recognizing the great object of the church and of Christ's mission to the world; that it is the oldest Women's Missionary Society in the Southern Presbyterian Church, and the oldest one whose records are preserved with full names of members and officers.

It is worthy of note that the present Treasurer of the Rockfish Auxiliary, Mrs. Mary Robinson Wells, is a great granddaughter of Dorothy Boney, whose name appears as first treasurer of Rockfish Female Missionary Society. Mrs. R. Murphy Williams, wife of the beloved pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Greensboro, N. C., and recently Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Orange Presbyterial, is also a great granddaughter of this same Mistress Dorothy Boney. "The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee." Our God is a covenant-keeping God.

Since Rockfish Presbyterian Church has the honor of having the oidest Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Southern Presbyterian Church, a brief outline of her history will be of interest in this sketch. From the History of Rockfish Church, by Rev. W. P. M, Currie, present pastor of the church, I glean the following facts: "Tradition, well-established, places the organization of the church, 1756, during the year of the missionary labors of the Rev. Hugh McAden, sent out by New Castle Presbytery, Va." In 1759, Mr. McAden returned and became the settled minister of Duplin and New Hanover counties. Having been dismissed from New Castle Presbytery to join New Hanover Presbytery, "He presented his credentials at a meeting of the Presbytery at Rockfish, July 18th, 1759, having previously sat as a corresponding member." This statement from history clearly indicates that Presbytery was meeting with some congregation which had a formal existence before

1759, and at some established place of worship on or near Rockfish Creek. The logical conclusion is that it was old Rockfish Church, at or near its present site. Mr. McAden labored here and in Eastern Carolina for ten years. The congregations in Duplin and New Hanover were served afterwards by missionaries who occasionally visited them until 1793. The Revolution was a contributing cause for the desolation of the church work in this section. In 1793, Rev. John Robinson settled in Duplin county and labored here until 1800. In 1798 Rev. Robert Tate, a licentiate of Orange Presbytery, during whose ministry Rockfish Female Missionary Society was organized, visited Duplin and New Hanover counties and became a resident minister. His first charge was South Washington and Rockfish, according to the Minutes of Synod for the year 1799. He held his first communion "On Rockfish," which would clearly imply a church and an organized congregation. The work of this church was evidently revived, reorganized and grew through the labors of Mr. Tate. It was during the ministry and with the sympathy and co-operation of this good man that Rockfish Female Missionary Society was organized in the fall of 1817. In 1836 there was a Men's Missionary Society in old Rockfish church, known as the "Rockfish Missionary Association." The association seems to have had just one annual meeting when a special sermon was preached, and a collection taken. The first collection was $20.00, and Owen Pigford was treasurer. This also was organized during Mr. Tate's ministry.

In the summer of 1847, on account of bodily infirmities, he closed a pastorate with Rockfish church, of practically a half century in duration. He retired to his plantation located on Sill's creek, about five miles from Rockfish church, Pender county, where he continued to reside until his death in 1867 in the 93d year of his life. He was interred in the family burying ground near by. In the fall of 1873 Wilmington Presbytery, in high appreciation of his long and valuable service, adopted a resolution to "erect a suitable monument to his memory." A committee was appointed to collect funds for same. In 1877 the session of Rockfish reported to Presbytery that the work had been done, and, quoting verbatim from Rev. W. P. M. Currie's sketch of Rev. Robert Tate in his History of Rockfish church: "This faithful servant of Christ was a strong man, and one who did earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints. He was one of the charter members of Fayetteville Presbytery which was organized in 1813, and his death occurred just one year before the Pres-



Rev. Robert Tate,
Pastor Rockfish Church at the Organization of Rockfish Female Missionary Society, Fall of 1817.

bytery of Wilmington was set off. His was the longest ministry up to this time of either of the two Presbyteries, reaching over a period of sixty-nine years. Rockfish, which he served so long, was one of the twenty-seven charter churches of Fayetteville Presbytery and one of the twenty-two charter churches of Wilmington Presbytery. It may be truly said that few men in our country of any denomination have served one church as long as Mr. Tate served Rockfish, and very few have served a ministry of sixty-nine years.

He was not only an active and pious minister of the gospel, but he was prominent in the affairs of the various church courts, being five times moderator of the Presbytery. He preached to the Women's Missionary Society from such passages of scripture as these: Hebrews, 13:16, "But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased," and Luke, 10:33-34, "And when he saw him he had compassion on him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine."

Mr. Tate was born in Alamance county, in the Hawfields, May 3, 1774, and was educated at Old Caldwell Institute. August 7, 1799, he married Margaret Bloodworth, whose name appears as a charter member of Rockfish Female Missionary Society, a daughter of Timothy Bloodworth, Collector of Customs at Wilmington, and at one time a member of Congress. His second wife was Elizabeth Hunter. He had six children. His granddaughter, Miss Mollie Tate, writes thus of him: "His zeal to promote the cause of religion induced him to write several hymns, only one of which is properly accredited to him, that being the familiar one whose first verse is:

> While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
> All seated on the ground,
> The angel of the Lord came down
> And glory shone around.

As early as 1878 we find a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Wilmington Second Presbyterian Church; one in Clarkton Presbyterian Church, organized June 1886; one in Burgaw organized May, 1886; and there were others in several churches of slightly later date.

In the Treasurer's book of the First Church, Wilmington (trust the Treasurer to appreciate the women, even if the session may not), is found this record, following the annual financial report: "While this report shows that little aid is extended to our poor, still they are well cared for through our Ladies' Benevolent

Society, an adjunct of our church, which has been prosecuting a successful and charitable work for several years past. It might be interesting to the congregation if this society would make a report of its work." Signed by Wm. R. Kenan, January 1, 1884. The historian can but regret that the ladies did not take his hint, and make a report to the session so that we could have a full and permanent record of this old society. Another entry in the Treasurer's book is "December 30, 1883. Special from the Ladies for Synod, $81.87." This was to help defray the expense of entertaining the meeting of Synod in the church in the fall of 1883.

In 1888 Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, pastor of the first Presbyterian church of Wilmington, and Mrs. B. F. Hall, recognizing with prophetic vision the spirit and latent power for good in these young and struggling Women's Foreign Missionary societies of the Presbytery, conceived the idea of banding them together in a Union for mutual helpfulness and inspiration. Pursuant to this vision a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the First Church in Wilmington, April 24th, 1888, and its president, Mrs. D. T. Lewis, mother of Mrs. R. W. Hicks, issued an invitation to all the women's and young people's societies in the Presbytery to meet with the society of the First Church for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Foreign Missionary Union.

Among Mrs. Hall's private papers were found letters from three of these societies. One was from Miss Mary Anderson of Clinton, dated May 18, 1888, stating that the young people's Foreign Missionary Society of Clinton would gladly co-operate with the Ladies Foreign Missionary Society of First Church, Wilmington, in this Missionary movement and that she would represent the said society at the Conference. Another, signed "Mary H. McMillan" of Teachey's, was dated March 5th, 1888, and one from Miss Sallie Morrison of Whiteville, dated May 11, 1888, told of the organization of a Ladies Foreign Missionary Society in that church on May 9th, and of having elected delegates to attend the conference at First Church, Wilmington. These delegates were Misses Kittie McKinnon and Sallie Morrison. Mrs. J. W. Stanley was first president of the Whiteville society, and Miss Sallie Morrison was secretary and treasurer. And while there was a period of four years in this society when it had only three members, they did not give up, and it was the banner society in gifts one year during this time.

Mrs. Hall had begun the work of forming missionary societies in our Presbytery as early as January of that year. A letter from Miss Jennie Hanna, St. Louis, Mo., dated January 18, 1888, tells

of sending circulars, and commends her efforts to form missionary societies in the churches of her Presbytery. Referring to the ladies of First Church, she says, "I think those of you who are supporting Dr. Woods could certainly call yourselves 'The Ladies Missionary Society,' for you are doing an excellent missionary work." So it is very evident that the women of First Church, Wilmington, had been doing excellent missionary and benevolent work for many years previous to this time, though they were not making any noise about it. But they recognized the fact that the time had arrived when they must take the lead and reach out beyond the bounds of their own church. Hence the organization of the Union.

Representatives from eleven societies in nine churches responded to the invitation, three of these representing young people's societies. The societies sending delegates were: women's societies of Clarkton, Mt. Horeb, Goldsboro, Whiteville, Burgaw, Kenansville, Wilmington First Church, Wilmington Second Church; young people's societies of Clinton, Goldsboro, and First Church, Wilmington.

These represented a membership of 228, with contributions for the year ending 1888, $273.75.

This first convention met in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Wednesday, May 30th, 1888, at 5 P. M. and proceeded to organize the Union.

In reading the minutes of this early meeting, we are impressed with the business-like precision with which the convention moved.

Our first devotional was conducted by Dr. Hoge, assisted by Rev. J. C. McMullen of Goldsboro. Mrs. Lewis called the meeting to order and presided. Then followed in orderly succession the enrollment of delegates; the election of officers, Mrs B. F. Hall of Wilmington being elected president, and Miss Mary Anderson of Clinton, secretary; reading of reports from societies; appointment of a committee of five to prepare a constitution for the permanent organization, said committee to submit the same to the convention on the following day at 11 A. M.; the reading of a telegram of greetings to the Union from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of First Church, Charlotte; appointment of a committee to send a responsive telegram to the above; announcements; singing of the missionary hymn; adjournment.

The second day's session met in the same place at 11 A. M., May 31st, 1888. The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. L. Stuart, returned missionary from China (Hangchow) and Rev. P. L.

Hoge, the secretary's minutes stating "after this the gentlemen retired." How very conservative and Paul-ine!

The outstanding features of that second day's session were the adoption of the constitution; the election of the Executive Committee, composed of the following: Mrs. B. F. Hall, Chairman, Mesdames R. N. Sweet, Julia Fillyaw, J. Newton Green, Joseph Archer, D. G. Robeson, Miss Mary Anderson; and the missionary address on Woman's Work in China by Mrs. J. L. Stuart. The meeting adjourned with prayer and the singing of the Doxology, a fitting close to the birthday of the Union of Woman's Organized Work in Wilmington Presbytery.

Wilmington Presbyterial Union is the second oldest in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., East Hanover, Va., having organized March 2nd, 1888. The following is the Constitution adopted at the organization of the Union in 1888:

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE LADIES' FOREIGN MISSIONARY UNION

OF

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY

1888

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be: 1. To plant a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in every church of the Presbytery where there is not one now; 2. To increase the interest and promote the growth of the societies already organized; 3. To aid the General Assembly's Executive Committee in selecting and sending to the field suitable lady missionaries; 4. To support and cheer our lady missionaries in the field.

ARTICLE III.—CONSTITUENCY.

All Foreign Missionary Societies of ladies and girls in the churches of this Presbytery shall, upon their enrollment, become constituent members of this Union.

ARTICLE IV.—MANAGEMENT.

The affairs of this Union shall be in the hands of an Executive Committee of seven, three of whom, including the Chairman, shall, for convenience, be located in one place, and shall be known as the Local Committee.

ARTICLE V.—ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Union shall meet in an Annual Convention to receive the reports of the Societies, and of the Executive Committee, and to consult for the general interests of the Union and of the Foreign Missionary cause.

ARTICLE VI.—OFFICERS.

The officers of the Union shall be a President and Secretary, who shall be elected upon the organization of the Annual Convention, and shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen the following year.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee in general to carry out the objects specified in Article II of the Constitution. To that end they may send representatives to visit churches having no Society, or whose Society may need encouragement; or they may accomplish the same ends by correspondence; they shall seek out suitable lady workers for the foreign field, and report them to the Assembly's Executive Committee; they shall endeavor to circulate useful Foreign Missionary literature to stimulate the interest of the women of the Presbytery in this cause; they shall conduct such correspondence as shall seem desirable with lady missionaries in the field; they shall disburse and account for such funds as are placed in their hands; they shall prepare a programme of exercises for the Annual Convention; they shall arrange a place for the Annual Convention, and announce the same through the Secretary of the Union not less than two months beforehand; and they shall report their transactions in full to the Convention. Questions of minor importance may be decided by the Local Committee, but on all other matters they shall consult in regular called meetings of the whole Committee (of which four shall constitute a quorum), or shall obtain the consent of the other members by correspondence.

ARTICLE II.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the Annual Convention, and open the following Convention with an appropriate address.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Convention, and shall give due notice of the time and place of the succeeding Convention.

In case either of these offices shall become vacant their places shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III.—REPORTS.

Each Society shall send an annual report to the Convention for the year ending March 31st, previous. The reports shall embrace the following topics: 1. Date of organization; 2. Present membership; 3. Contributions for the year; 4. Any circumstances of interest in the work or condition of the Society. These reports shall be tabulated and spread upon the records of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—CONTINGENT FUND.

The running expenses of the Executive Committee shall be provided for by an Assessment upon each Society at the rate of $1.00 for every ten members.

ARTICLE V.—REPRESENTATION.

Each Society may be represented in the Annual Convention by as many delegates as they see fit to send; but at the call of any member the Convention shall vote by delegations, the delegation from each Society casting one vote.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegation at any Annual Convention.

CHAPTER II.

WATERING AND PLANTING

The second Annual Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union met again in the First Church of Wilmington, June the sixth, 1889. There were twelve delegates from eleven societies present and four new societies had been organized during the year. These were at Faison, Mt. Horeb, Oak Plains and Duplin Roads. There were now fifteen societies belonging to the Union and they had contributed to missions that year $742.50. At this meeting the Union pledged $800 for the support of two women missionaries. Those assigned us by the Executive Committee were Miss Kate Bias in Brazil, and Miss Robertson, under appointment to go to Japan. Miss Bias later became Mrs. Kate Bias Cowan, and Mr. Cowan, dying in 1894, she continued her successful teaching and evangelistic work at Piumhy Station, East Brazil Mission. Miss Robertson became Mrs. Price, but has been retired on account of ill health.

Rev. Edward E. Lane addressed this meeting on his work in Brazil; Dr. Alexander Sprunt gave us a sermon at night, and Mr. George C. Worth gave a short address. He had given himself to Foreign Missions, and six years later went to China as a Medical Missionary, where he has continued to labor as Dr. Worth. Mrs. Nathan O'Berry also gave an address at this meeting.

At this early date we had no secretary of Literature, but Miss Pass offered a resolution that each society take active measures to increase the circulation of "The Missionary" in their respective congregations.

It was at this second convention that Mrs. Hall instituted the "Consecration Service," which our Auxilliary has continued to observe with great spiritual benefit at every annual meeting since. It was at this first service that Miss Emma Chadbourn announced the consecration of her life to the foreign field, which decision she carried out later when she went to China in 1895 as Mrs. George Worth. So it is a very natural consequence that our Union has taken a lively and warmly affectionate interest in Dr. and Mrs. Worth and their work to this good day.

May 7th, 1890, found us in third Annual Convention in the Presbyterian Church at Goldsboro, with ten delegates present. Miss Robertson, one of the missionaries we were to support, was present

and spoke. Mrs. Wardlow of our Brazil Mission gave the missionary address. Two young people's and thirteen ladies' societies reported at this convention, but the secretary failed to record the membership and the amount contributed. This would indicate that she was more impressed with the program and the spiritual side of the meeting than concerned with the material side. This 1890 convention was our last meeting with the Goldsboro ladies, as they were transferred to the Albemarle Presbytery the next year.

At the suggestion of Presbytery our name was changed to "Presbytery's Committee of Foreign Mission Societies." This was done to provide against the contingency that the General Assembly at its next meeting might take adverse action against Woman's Missionary Unions, as overtures from several Presbyteries opposed to Woman's Work, had gone up to the Assembly. This was an unnecessary precaution, for be it said to the lasting credit of our church, our General Assembly seemed to hear the Master's voice saying, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work," and it never gave utterance on the question of Woman's organized work except to approve. At the meeting of the General Assembly in 1890, through their Foreign Mission Committee, they prepared a constitution asking that it be adopted by all the Unions for the sake of uniformity. It was adopted by ours later.

Prior to this, in April, 1889, the Wilmington Presbytery adopted the following resolution: "That we recommend in all churches the formation of Ladies Missionary Societies and their co-operation with the Ladies Foreign Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery."

Signed by J. W. PRIMROSE, *F. M. Agent.*

April, 1889.

Again, April, 1890, this report was recorded:

Our Ladies Missionary Societies have wrought zealously. Their financial year has not yet come to a close, but they have made regular quarterly payments, and fully expect to reach $800.00, the amount proposed.

J. W. PRIMROSE, *F. M. Agent.*

April, 1890.

At a meeting of Wilmington Presbytery, First Church Wilmington, April, 1890, Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas it appears not improbable from the reports of the different Presbyteries, so far as they have been published, that the General Assembly may decide adversely to the formation and maintenance of societies or unions that extend beyond the limits of congregations; and, whereas,

the Presbytery of Wilmington does not wish to run counter to the general sentiment of the Church, but does earnestly desire to reap the great benefits that have already resulted from co-operation and united effort in the Foreign Mission work among the women of our churches; Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Presbytery of Wilmington appoint annually at its Spring meeting a committee of seven ladies, to be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee of Wilmington Presbytery, whose duties shall be: (1) To aid the women of churches not having Foreign Mission Societies in organizing them; (2) To endeavor to increase the interest and promote the growth of the Societies already organized; (3) To concert plans by which the Societies can unite in the support of particular lady missionaries, and to keep the societies and missionaries in communication with each other, for the stimulation of the societies and the encouragement of the missionaries; (4) To aid the General Assembly's Executive Committee in selecting suitable lady missionaries. These ends may carried out by correspondence, visits to the societies, and by the holding of annual or other conventions. Three of the Committee, including the Chairman, shall, for convenience, be located at one place, and may be constituted a sub-committee to transact minor business; but for all important matters the consent of the others should be obtained in writing, when a full meeting cannot be had. The contributions of the societies shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Presbytery, either directly or through the offices of the church, or for convenience, through this Committee, and shall be transmitted by him to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Executive Committee on the order of the Chairman of the Woman's Committee. If any society does not wish any contribution to be subject to this order, it can so state in sending it. It is recommended that the Societies should tax themselves at the rate of $1.00 for every ten members for the running expenses of the Committee, which tax shall be paid directly to the Treasurer of the Committee. The Committee may elect a Secretary and Treasurer from their own number, the Chairman being designated by Presbytery. The Committee should consult with Presbytery's Agent of Foreign Missions upon any matter of perplexity, and shall submit an annual report of all their proceedings to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

2. The Committee for the present year shall consist of Mrs. B. F. Hall, Chairman, Mrs. R. N. Sweet, Mrs. W. J. Smith, of Wilmington; Miss Mary Anderson, of Clinton, Mrs. Joseph Archer, of Kenansville, Mrs. D. G. Robeson, of Westbrook, Mrs. J. P. Fearington, of Faison.

3. The Woman's Foreign Misionary Union as at present organized is hereby dissolved—the dissolution to take effect after the next annual Convention.

4. Rev. J. W. Primrose, Agent of Foreign Missions, with Rev. P. H. Hoge, Alternate, is hereby appointed to visit the Convention and explain the reasons for this action.

From Minutes of Presbytery, April, 1891.

The great value of Ladies Missionary Societies as an agency in this work is now fully recognized, and they have received the endorsement of

the church, and are worthy of our earnest support and sympathy. The fact that they this year contributed more than one-third of the amount contributed, demonstrates their importance and efficiency. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee appointed at the last spring Presbytery has wrought zealously and effectively in accomplishing its objects. The excellent report of the Chairman, beneath submitted, speaks for itself. Therefore, be it resolved, That Presbytery acknowledge the valuable labor of the Ladies Foreign Missionary Committee, commend their diligence, promise all encouragement and help in their work, approve their report and reappoint the present Committee.

W. McC. MILLER, *Agent, F. M.*

April, 1891.

Report of Rev. W. McC. Miller to Presbytery, 1892 at Burgaw Church: "The great value of the Ladies' Missionary Societies as an agency in this work is now more and more apparent." In 1893: "The Woman's F. M. Committee held two conventions during the year, and your Agent would hereby commend the earnest faithfulness of this Committee, and recommend its reappointment in membership and powers."

While a few of the ministers in our Presbytery were opposed to women's work, many were warm friends throughout this period of criticism. We have already mentioned Rev. P. H. Hoge as a moving spirit in the organization of our Union, and always a cordial and helpful friend. Mrs. Hall pays grateful tribute to Rev. W. M. Miller of Wilmington for his constant kindness and appreciation of woman's work, stating that in public and private he was always ready with advice and suggestion, laboring faithfully for the success of our work. Other faithful and enthusiastic friends and supporters were Rev. Peter McIntyre, Rev. A. D. McClure of blessed memory, and Rev. J. W. Primrose.

Of interest in this connection are the following extracts from a letter to Mrs. B. F. Hall, dated Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 28, 1890.

"I have received today your letter enclosing $2.00 for Missionary Leaflets, I have made a selection which I hope you will find to be very useful in your visiting of the churches. Most of these selected have special reference to the work of the ladies' societies. You will also find in the package a few leaflets addressed especially to ministers. It may be that in some of the churches the visiting Committee may hand a leaflet to the pastor, without giving offense, which may do good.

"Your Synod is taking the lead in our foreign mission work. May our Master make you in all things a noble example to the whole church.

Respectfully yours,

M. H. HOUSTON."

June, 1891, found us in annual session at Wallace, then Duplin Roads, with eleven delegates present. Dr. DuBose, of Soochoo, China, gave the missionary address. Mr. Miller also addressed the Union. Pledges amounting to $785.00 were made toward the now necessary $1,100.00, for the support of our two missionaries. Miss Anderson resigned as secretary, and Mrs. W. J. Smith was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. DuBose had been invited to make the address at this meeting, and had accepted the invitation, but as she was at her brother's home in Mecklenburg Presbytery, and as he was one of the ministers opposed to women's unions, she did not come to us, but sent Mr. DuBose, while she went to Davidson College to speak to the men!

Definite steps were taken at this meeting looking to the organization of societies in all the churches of the Presbytery. A visiting committee was appointed and asked to find out the churches in our Presbytery having no woman's society, and to visit the same and help them to organize.

It was at this meeting that the practical suggestion was made by Mrs. S. G. Lewis, that each society pay the expenses of a delegate to the Union, a goal not yet reached by all our auxiliaries.

June 7th, 1892, the Union met with the Whiteville society as hostess. Though only five delegates were present, ten societies sent reports, and their contributions amounted to $1,075.00, some nearly doubling the contributions of the previous year. Mrs. Hall being detained on account of illness, Mrs. W. J. Smith presided at the meeting, and Mrs. J. C. Powell acted as secretary pro tem.

Upon recommendation of the president and the executive committee, the societies were urged to have local conventions and visits from the executive committee. There was no foreign missionary present at this meeting but Dr. Hoge delivered a sermon and Dr. McClure was also present.

June the 13th, 1893, the convention was held at Faison. The ministers present were Rev. McIntyre and Rev. A. D. McClure. Mrs. B. F. Hall presided and the Union now embraced fourteen societies. There were reports from twelve and eleven delegat were present. South River was added as a new society. Dr. Butler of Brazil, was the foreign mission speaker at this meeting.

Dr. McClure had just returned from a meeting of the General Assembly and brought from that court approval and official endorsement of woman's work. The contributions this year amounted to twelve hundred and seventeen dollars. Mrs. Hall states that the

meeting owed much of its success to Mrs. Fearington, who was Miss Pass, at our first meeting of the Union, and who was always a helpful and enthusiastic member of the executive committee till she moved to Winston.

June the 7th, 1894, the Union was held at the Grove church at Kenansville. Five ministers were present, these being Reverends McIntyre, McMillan, McClure, Sampson and Grinnan. The last two were missionaries, and each delivered an address at this meeting. There were seven delegates present and ten societies reported. The treasurer's report showed that they had all paid their pledges. This year there were eighteen societies in the Union, the largest numbered during Mrs. Hall's administration.

The suggestion was made at this meeting that a committee be appointed in each church of the Presbytery to place the call of the mission field before the young people by seeing that "The Missionary" came into the home of every family. So, eighteen years ago our Union stood for "Church Paper Week."

Mrs. W. J. Smith resigned as secretary at this meeting, since she was taking up her residence in South Carolina. For four years we were without a secretary. Mrs. Fearington acted as secretary pro tem. at the 1894 meeting, and Miss P. Britt at the 1895 meeting. The minutes of this convention record the first service given the young people, with Messrs. Grinnan and Sampson taking part and adding to the interest by a display of curios from China and Japan.

An interesting service was a missionary palaver conducted by the two missionaries and the three ministers, with the audience asking questions.

The contributions this year amounted to one thousand and fifty-nine dollars. Mrs. Archer suggested that we have two meetings a year, the second meeting to be held in the fall or winter. No action was taken on the suggestion.

From the minutes of Presbytery we get the information from Mrs. Hall's report to Presbytery that Mrs. Randolph had been invited to address this Convention, but was unable to come before winter. So a second meeting was held in Wilmington (in the fall or winter) and the societies invited. There was no further report of this winter meeting.

Mrs. Hall tells us that this 1894 meeting was unusual in the number of people at the public services and in the interest manifested.

In June, 1895, the Union met in St. Andrew's church, Wilmington, with only five delegates present and eight societies reporting. These faithful five who were present to keep the torch of woman's work alive in this Presbytery were: Mrs. R. W. Price of First Church, Wilmington, Miss P. Britt of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, Miss Janie Cromartie of South River, Mrs. N. H. Sprunt of Grove church, Kenansville and Miss Bell Bowen of Duplin Roads (Wallace). Only two hundred and sixty eight dollars in gifts was reported, though the First Church did not report its gift. This was a year of general financial depression which in a measure accounted for the meager attendance and the poor financial report.

This meeting adjourned after one afternoon session, and Mr. G. W. Painter of our China mission gave the missionary address of the evening. It was a time of discouragement to our faithful president and her co-workers. The responsibility for the Union and the great object that it represented must have borne heavily upon the heart and mind of our consecrated president at that time. One of less faith and courage would doubtless have given up the fight. Mrs. Hall, writing of this meeting, says: "There was such a small attendance and so little interest that those present discussed the advisability of holding our meetings at the same time and place as Presbytery, hoping for better attendance." It was so decided and we find the Union meeting with Presbytery four years, but without the hoped for interest or attendance. These were as follows: In 1896 at Wilmington First Church; no record of delegates in attendance; seven reports sent in; $751.00 contributed. In 1897 at Clarkton; six delegates present; seven reports were presented, and $618.00 contributed. Mr. Lacanster, returned missionary from China, addressed this meeting. New Hope Society joined the Union at this meeting and sent two delegates, Miss Hattie McKeithan and Mrs. Jackson Johnson. The other four delegates were from the Whiteville society and constituted their entire membership. In 1898 at Burgaw; reports from nine societies; twelve delegates present; a regular program carried out, and the missionary address given by Mr. Fulton of Japan. The Union had been without a regular secretary for four years, but at this meeting Mrs. E. J. Fennell was appointed secretary and accepted. Contributions reported for this year, $558.00. In 1899, in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington; fourteen delegates present; twelve societies reported $487.00 contributed. The report of the number of members at this time was incomplete. At this meeting we had reports from children's societies and Dr. Chester, who was attending Presbytery, addressed

the Union in the afternoon. Mrs. E. A. McRae, of sainted memory, and Mrs. Jackson Johnson were present, and Mrs. Hall says, "by their presence and participation cheered the heart of the President, and made her feel that the Union was not a failure after all, as it had seemed to be for the last few years."

The "Mother of our Presbyterial," as Mrs. Hall will always be affectionately remembered, was much in prayer during these dark days, and these two wonderful helpers were sent in direct answer to prayer.

It was decided at this time not to meet again with Presbytery, so the date of the next meeting was changed to June, and an invitation from the Caswell Society to meet with them in 1900 was extended through Miss Eliza Murphy and accepted. This society had just been received into the Union, though it was organized in 1891. When Miss Murphy, upon her return, announced to her society that she had invited the Union to meet with them, there was consternation in the camp. That a weak society in a small church should undertake to entertain the Union and carry out the large program that Miss Murphy had in mind and make it a success, seemed a gigantic task. But Miss Murphy, knowing how much benefit her auxiliary would receive from such a meeting, held her ground, and said the invitation was going to hold if she had to put up tents in her own grove to take care of the delegates. Of course she "triumphed gloriously," and soon her auxiliary was working enthusiastically, assisted most ably by the pastor, Mr. Curtis, in the preliminary work.

For fully five years before Caswell organized, one of the leading women of the church, Mrs. J. N. Henry, relates that she was accustomed to getting letters regularly from Mrs. Hall urging organization, so finally she said to Miss Murphy, "We might as well organize a missionary society because Mrs. Hall is not going to let up till we do," "Because this widow troubleth me." This illustrates Mrs. Hall's patience and persistence in the pursuit of a purpose, and the enthusiastic meeting at the Caswell church was the fulfillment of the promise, "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

So it transpired that the thirteenth annual meeting at the Caswell church was a most successful one as compared with the four preceding ones. The Executive Committee and nine official delegates were present from the eleven societies then composing the Union, besides a number of visitors from the societies whose names appeared on the program. Eleven societies reported 214 members, and $504.00 in

contributions. Five of these eleven, viz: Burgaw, Kenansville, St. Andrews, Whiteville and Wilmington, First Church, were charter members of the Union of 1888. Two of the original eleven had been lost when Goldsboro went to Albemarle Presbytery, and the others had "fallen on sleep," while new ones had arisen to take their places.

Dr. D. C. Rankin, Assembly's Foreign Mission Secretary and editor of "The Missionary," was present, addressed the Union and helped in the conferences. He was a man of wonderful personality, and coming straight from the Eucumenical Conference in New York, afire with missionary zeal, he alone was enough to put life into any organization. Rev. E. E. Lane, son of the missionary who was at our second meeting in 1889, gave the opening address. Mr. Curtis, pastor of the church, and Miss Eliza Murphy had thoroughly advertised the meeting, and Mrs. Hall, reporting it, said, "All the people in the country seemed to have given up their business to come to this meeting."

At the close of the convention Mrs. Hall tendered her resignation as president, after twelve years of faithful, zealous, often discouraged, but ever untiring service. The Union passed resolutions of regret at her withdrawal from the presidency, of love and esteem for her devoted and willing service, and of appreciation for her good work in meeting and overcoming the many difficulties she had encountered in her efforts to place the Union on a firm and permanent basis. She was retained in the service of the Union as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Jackson Johnson was elected president; Miss Lillie Boney and Miss Annie Graham, secretaries. The office of vice-president was created at this meeting and Miss Eliza Murphy elected to serve in that capacity.

Mrs. R. N. Sweet having died since the last meeting, resolutions of respect to her memory were adopted by the Union.

It was on the night previous to one of these meetings of the Union with Presbytery that the following incident took place. A certain minister, on his way to Presbytery. was spending the night in Mrs. Hall's home. In talking over the work, Mrs. Hall said that there was so little interest and so much opposition from the men, that she was considering the advisability of the Union's disbanding. This minister being one of those who did not favor woman's work, heartily agreed. Whereupon Mrs. Hall brought a determined foot down with a resounding thump, and laconically ex-

claimed, "Well, it shan't!" That "shan't" made history, and that minister did woman's work in this Presbytery more good than he intended, for he put the determination into the heart of our leader that opposition often brings to the high-spirited, and she decided,

"Better, like Hector, in the field to die,
Than like a perfumed Paris, turn and fly."

Truly, "courage mounteth with occasion," and like David of old, she resolved: "Thy servant shall go and fight with this Philistine."

There is no mention in the minutes of Executive Committee meetings during Mrs. Hall's administration, but they were doubtless held regularly. As the minutes were not printed until 1901, many things historically interesting were omitted from the written minutes. It is a distinct loss that only two of Mrs. Hall's annual addresses have come down to us. These are so characteristic that it is a joy to preserve them in a work of this kind.

Convention of F. M. Societies at Goldsboro, 1890.

This is the third meeting of the F. M. Societies of Wilmington Presbytery in Convention, and we are especially glad to meet in Goldsboro this year as besides being a first visit it will also be a farewell, the new Presbytery of Albemarle claiming the society now.

Though we are sorry to part with the ladies of Goldsboro we hope the change will not lessen our interest in each other, and while they devote their energies towards helping to increase the number of societies and to deepening the interest in the cause of missions throughout the new Presbytery, we would pray that God's blessings may go with them to their new field and hope that, however great their progress in the work, that ours may keep up with it.

As Dr. Hoge will explain to you the action of Presbytery in taking us under its immediate care and appointing our committees, I will say nothing about it, except to express my belief that this action will be very gratifying to many ladies and will doubtless add to the efficiency of our work.

Now that we are organized under the authority of Presbytery and have our own missionary to inspire us, we ought to do more than ever before.

I hoped to have a letter from Miss Bias, but the convention being held earlier this year, I have not given it time to reach us. Mrs. Fearington has, however, promised me a letter from Miss Bias to her, written some years ago, which will doubtless serve to make you more interested in her and better acquainted with her work, and when her letter arrives I will have it copied and sent to the societies. You remember we had Mr. Lane with us at our last convention, and those who heard him will not forget his praise of Miss Bias, who proved herself such a worthy assistant to Miss Kemper, and was so devoted to her work during the epidemic of Yellow Fever. A sad bit of news from Campinas is the death of Mr. Dabney on the eve of his return home.

We are happy today to have with us another missionary, who can not only tell us of the work in Brazil, but also interesting news from our own State of several who are getting ready to go as missionaries. Mrs. Wardlow expects to leave for Brazil very soon and I know you will all be glad to send greetings to our friends at Cearia. We have been praying that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His harvest and He is answering our prayer.

Now our conduct will show to ourselves whether we are in earnest or not. Sometimes it seems that we really did not want what we ask for, for when God opens His hand and gives us our desire we often do not recognize it, and are slow to appropriate it. The church has so often to call on Christians for more money to send those who offer to go, as we believe, in answer to our prayers.

When I wrote to Dr. Houston asking that the contributions of the Union should be applied to the support of Miss Bias, and Miss Robertson when she should be appointed, he wrote—"Miss Robertson has already been appointed by the Executive Committee a missioner to Japan to go out in the Fall if the state of the treasury will permit. This condition was mentioned because we have had fourteen (14) missionaries added to our force in the Foreign field during the last year, and we have ten other missionaries, including Miss Robertson, now under appointment. The resources of our Foreign missionary work will therefore be taxed to their utmost during the present year. This is a loud call, I think, from the Master to all our churches to rally to the support of the work as never before. He has been exceedingly good to us during the past year. All the expenses of the work have been met without borrowing a dollar from any quarter. This was owing in part to an increase in receipts from legacies, which we can hardly expect to be repeated another year. The churches, however, can easily make up all that is needed for their work if they only have a ready mind. Let us pray earnestly that this may be the case. The goodness of our Master to us during the past year should certainly encourage us to expect great things from Him and to attempt great things for Him." I have quoted Dr. Houston for the benefit of us all. Mrs. Wardlaw will tell us, I hope, of several North Carolinians who expect to go to Brazil, and it is a matter of thanksgiving that our own State is coming forward and offering her own sons and daughters as missionaries.

Now the question is, What will we do with them? Accept them as sent from God and contribute what we can to send the Gospel by their hands, or stand idly back, saying, in effect, we did not mean what we said when we asked for more laborers. We have as much as we can do to care for those we have. Oh, let us not mock God by asking for what we don't want. The women of our State have a great responsibility upon them. Their power is felt not only in the heathen world but in the church at home. At the last meeting of Presbytery some of the churches had unusually good reports of contributions during the year, and I notice that those were the churches that had Ladies' Societies at work.

The ministers themselves feel encouraged and strengthened and as a matter of course it does our missionaries good to know that loving hearts are praying for them and loving hands working for them while they are

far away from old ties of home and friends, and we are strengthened ourselves.

Now for the work that is nearest our hands, and let us do it with all our might. Let each one of us feel responsible for the success of the Union.

We pledged ourselves the past year to raise $800. That is done, I believe, but as it could not be appropriated in the way we expected, we will have to work harder and do all we can to press others into the service, as we need $300 more if we keep up with what we want to do, which is to claim the honor of contributing the whole support of Miss Robertson and Miss Bias.

We can do it if every member of each society will do what she can; in fact we could do more. Will we be satisfied with less?

"Whatsoever He saith unto you do it," and the water we draw in His cause will become wine in the drawing.

May we each be able to say "I know whom I believe," and working in His strength prove that all things are possible to him that believeth."

(Thanking you again for your welcome.)

Report of Mrs. B. F. Hall to the Union, June 28, 1900.

It is now twelve years since this Foreign Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery was organized in Wilmington, during a visit of our honored missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart, of China. There are some here now, more than I know, I hope, who were at that first meeting, and can testify to the enthusiasm manifested, and the general enjoyment in the organization of the work. It was at this meeting that our young member, who has since been in China for several years, first committed herself to the foreign work. It was at this meeting, too, that the Ladies Foreign Missionary Society of the First Church of Wilmington, as at present constituted, was formed, and it has done much good work since, though it has come through vicissitudes that affect not only itself, but this Union as well.

The years immediately following the organization were working years for the Union, and I have in the Minutes of Presbytery, for the year 1891, the published report of your Chairman, to Presbytery, for the year ending March 31, 1891, which I would like to read for your information, as it is the only published report I have access to.

I would remind you that we organized as the Ladies Foreign Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery, and we were the second Union in the field, East Hanover being less than a month before us. There was a feeling in the air, however, during the following winter, that the women of our Southern Presbyterian Church were reaching out to do more work than legitimately belonged to them, and some of our Presbyteries were overturing the General Assembly to have them stopped. The women of Wilmington Presbytery being very law abiding and very much afraid of doing anything that would seem to call in question the authority of Presbytery, there seemed to be a reason for our Presbytery

to make some deliverance in view of a possible adverse decision of the General Assembly to the existence of unions or societies that extend beyond the limits of congregations.

So, at the Spring meeting of 1890, it was resolved:

"That the Presbytery of Wilmington appoint annually, at its Spring meeting, a committee of seven ladies, to be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Committee of Wilmington Presbytery, whose duties shall be, etc.

"The Committee for the present year shall consist of: Mrs. B. F. Hall, Chairman; Mrs. R. N. Sweet, and Mrs. W. J. Smith, of Wilmington, Miss Mary Anderson, of Clinton, Mrs. Joseph Archer, of Kenansville, Mrs. D. G. Robeson, of Westbrook, and Mrs. Fearington, of Faison, and that the Union, as now constituted, be dissolved."

There are only two of the original Committee left to serve now, though the places have been filled by others, except one, and in the discussion which is on the program, as to, "What changes can we make to increase the influence and usefulness of the Union?" I hope you will discuss thoroughly the change of officers, and the available material which has not been brought out yet. Also, whether it is better, as some of us think, to change back to our original name, as we have always called ourselves the Union of Wilmington Presbytery.

Presbytery will be glad to sanction anything we may do now, as in these past years, nothing has encouraged the officers of our church more than the development of the work by the women. Our Secretary is in full accord with it, as is also the Editor of "The Missionary," who is with us at this meeting. (This is the report just after the change was made.)

It has seemed to me desirable to give you this sketch of our earlier years, partly to call your attention to the larger work which we did then, and to ask if the time has not come to gather up our forces, take account of them and of the work which is ours to do, with them, and see that we use them to the best advantage. There is plenty of material in this Presbytery to devise, and plenty to carry out plans, so let us pray for God's guidance, and go forward.

We should pray for God's guidance, and then be on the lookout to see how He leads us, not say, "I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord, I'll say what you want me to say," and then do what we are pretty sure, without asking, He does not want us to do, and say what He never wants anyone to say, "I can't." We are all here to use the talents He gives us, and to every one He has given one talent, if not many, and we know not how long we may keep them. We have no choice, but must use them or be condemned.

Since we last met one of our faithful ones has been called up higher, to give account of how she used hers, and what a joy it must have been to her to go from work to reward. Mrs. Sweet was one of the members of this Union, one of the Executive Committee, and she was always interested in its work. To her was given a place on the program, and it would have been filled, I have no doubt, to the best of her ability.

She was teacher in Sunday School and spent much of her time in study and preparation for that, and she was also much interested in the work of the King's Daughters, and was State Secretary for some years. She had been at home only a few days from the Annual meeting, and had, the day she died, attended the meeting of her circle and given her report. They say it was a very interesting meeting, and she was much moved. She always strived to develop the spiritual side of every work, and the desire was specially manifest on that day. A friend parted with her at the door of her home, and in fifteen minutes afterwards she was found dead—with her bonnet still on and her parasol beside her. What if we were called in the same way? Would we be ready as she was? Let us be up and doing while we may, feeling that we cannot do too much, but may be sorry one day that we did not do more, and may God bless and accept our work for the coming year, working in us to will and to do of His good pleasure.

This, 1900, meeting closed Mrs. Hall's twelve years of arduous and continuous service as president of the Union. Truly she had borne the heat and burden of the day in these first critical, formative years, when our women were in the primer stage of systematic giving, regular meetings, program building, accurate reporting and the like; and when not only active opposition of church sessions, but the more deadly inactive indifference of church women, had to be combatted. She kept the missionary fires alight in our Presbyterial even in the darkest and stormiest years. Truly it could have been said of her as of Solomon's model woman, "Her candle goeth not out by night." While the societies in the Union had made no appreciable progress in numbers during these years, yet the gifts in the most inactive years, with the exception of 1895, more than doubled the amount reported at the organization of the Union. In the majority of the years the increase in gifts was from 300 to 500 per cent. Moreover the leaven of unselfish, devoted service and consecrated prayer was at work, and the seed then sown bore abundant harvest in later years.

Her ambition was to have a missionary society in every church and every woman a member of the society. She retired from the active leadership of the Union, like the faithful one of old, "not having received the promises but beholding them afar."



Mrs. Jackson Johnson,
Second President of the Presbyterial,
1900-1913.

CHAPTER III.

GROWTH AND EXPANSION

June 18 and 19, 1901, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery met in Warsaw, with Mrs. Jackson Johnson, our new president, presiding. Ten societies reported at this, representing a membership of 233, with contributions aggregating $629.00.

Mrs. T. B. Peirce was elected second vice-president. Mesdames G. W. McMillan, W. T. Bannerman and B. B. Witherington were added to the Executive Committee. Dr. George Butler gave the foreign mission address, on his work in Brazil.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the wonderful inspirational address by Dr. J. M. Wells, taking as his theme the forward movement in missions, its importance, opportuneness and significance. His text was from II Samuel, 5:24: "And let it be when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines." It was delivered with great earnestness and power, and is still talked of by those present at that meeting.

During the two days' meeting, besides the business reports, eight papers were read on mission topics of interest to the Union.

Recording this meeting, our first printed Minutes appear, a modest leaflet of four pages and binding, containing the condensed Minutes, the treasurer's report and a statistical table of the societies reporting.

In 1902 the Union met July 9th and 10th, at South River Church. Mrs. Johnson having been detained by illness, First Vice-President Miss Eliza Murphy presided. Fifteen societies sent in reports, the new ones being Chadbourn, Oak Plains, Elizabeth McRae of First Church, Wilmington, and Cronly Young People's Society. Burgaw and Kenansville did not appear on the list this year, but Black River, Clinton, Faison, Kerr and Caswell Young People reappear. We now had reported 319 members, contributing $678.00, an increase of $50.00 over the previous year. The president's report showed that Wilmington First Church had the largest gain in members (seven), and Whiteville showed the largest average amount per member, ($5.50). The report showed also that our

president had been doing active work, and she gave the following excellent recommendations: First, that the Union embrace Home Mission work in addition to Foreign; second, that the young people's work be pushed; third, that the circulation of our church literature be emphasized; fourth, that our societies observe the Week of Prayer, stating tersely and trenchantly, "Today, as of old, prayer can divide every Red Sea and roll back every Jordan."

Following out the second recommendation, the office of Young People's Agent was created at this convention, and Mrs. J. C. Stewart was elected to fill it. Only three young people's societies were reported at this meeting and were: The Earnest Workers of Caswell Church, organized April, 1898; the Missionary Band of Black River Church, organized September, 1898, and the Little Workers of South River Church, organized March, 1899. Under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Stewart, our young people's work took on new life, as will be noted later on.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson; vice-presidents, Misses Eliza Murphy and J. D. Wood; recording secretary and treasurer, Miss Katherine Cromartie. At an executive committee meeting in August, 1902, Miss Annie Paddison was elected corresponding secretary, the first mention we have of this office except in our constitution. The names of Mrs. E. A. McRae, Mrs. Ellen Fennell, Mrs. A. D. McClure and Mrs. J. B. Moore appear as members of the executive committee.

The president, in her annual address (1902), asked that the ladies present discuss the advisability of having a meeting each Fall, "for the purpose of waiting on God in prayer." At least three members had come to the Spring meeting of the Executive Committee eagerly anxious that we establish a Day of Prayer, these being Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hall and Miss Murphy. The idea had come to them from reading an account of an all-day prayer meeting held during the first week of the year in the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville. No action was taken at the annual meeting of 1902, but at an executive committee meeting, August 18, 1902, it was decided that a meeting be held in the Sunday School room of the First Church, Wilmington, on Saturday, October 11th, 1902, and "that this be a devotional meeting for the purpose of Prayer and Praise."

Another meeting of the executive committee was called for the next morning to prepare a program for the Day of Prayer and Praise.

The following notice was sent to the societies:

Wilmington, N. C., September 16th, 1902.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery has appointed October 11th for a day of prayer for missions, to be observed by the whole Union, and has ordered a program arranged for a devotional meeting. The Foreign Missionary Society of the First Church, Wilmington, has invited the Union to meet there in the Lecture Room.

The program tells of a very special treat in store for us, and the Committee earnestly hopes for a large attendance. The ladies will be guests of the First Church; and, since the day selected is Saturday, as many as can are cordially invited to remain over Sunday. It will be a help if those who hope to attend will send their names to Mrs. B. F. Hall, Wilmington.

May God richly bless this Day of Prayer.

Annie Paddison,
Corresponding Secretary of the Union.

The following concise account of this first Day of Prayer, as reported by Miss Eliza Murphy, secretary pro tem., appears in the written minutes of 1902 and is of significant interest:

"The first annual Day of Prayer was held at the First Church, Wilmington, in the Lecture Room, on October 11th, 1902. It was truly a feast of good things. A warm and inspiring address of welcome from Dr. Wells, pastor; soul-stirring addresses by Mrs. H. C. DuBose and our own missionary, Mrs. George Worth; an address on enthusiasm by our beloved Mrs. McRae; much prayer, silent and voiced. We came away feeling that, having asked, we would receive."

It was at this first Day of Prayer that Mrs. Worth told of the poor hospital facilities at Kiangyin, and yet what wonderful work was being done there by Dr. Worth. This great need was laid upon our hearts, and the seed sown bore fruit later.

Ours was the first Presbyterial, and for many years the only one in our Assembly to observe a Day of Prayer as a regular and annual meeting. God has set His seal upon the day in many and signal ways, and since its inauguration we have continued to observe it with much spiritual benefit. Rev. R. L. Wharton, whom we invited to speak to us on the Day of Prayer, 1905, said that from the time he received the invitation there had been singing in his heart and in his ears, "A Day of Prayer, A Day of Prayer!" and that we could never know just how much it meant to him, and to other missionaries who would hear of such a day, to know that the women of this Presbytery had set aside a whole day and

united in petitions for the work of the Master and His servants in the Home and Foreign fields. He said, "This is holding up the hands of your missionaries in the best possible way."

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." I am moved to relate in this connection a true story of the prevailing prayer life of Mrs. Elizabeth McRae, as told to me by one of her close friends. They were discussing the needs of the Kingdom, shortly before her death, and, speaking of a certain wealthy friend, in a voice almost of awe at what she had done, she said, "Do you know I have dared to ask the Lord that he give to the Church, not by the thousands, as he now does, but by the ten thousands!" Shortly afterwards, at the Birmingham Layman's convention he was one of three laymen to give ten thousand to missions, the beginning of his princely giving, which has since run into the hundred thousands! "Abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Mrs. Johnson's annual report of 1902 recorded some discouragements, too, as for instance, an Executive Committee meeting when only the president was present; and again, seeking to ascertain the exact number of societies in the Presbytery, she wrote to every minister within our bounds, and received four replies! Did she give up? She wrote again asking them to send a woman delegate from each of their churches to the Union convention at South River.

The annual meeting of 1903 convened at Chadbourn Church, June 18th and 19th. There was a full attendance of both adults and young people, interesting programs were carried out, and delightful fellowship prevailed. In the Minutes it is described as "a glorious gathering, full of new inspiration and blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit." The missionary address was given by Dr. McClure. Eight new societies had been added during the year; the Union now had twenty-four ladies' and twelve children's societies, a total of thirty-six, with a membership of 550, and contributions (reported), $848.00. Of these, eighteen ladies' and eleven children's societies sent in reports.

Our Union was the first to embrace young people's work, and this we had done from the beginning, but this was the first time there had been a program given over to the young people. On Wednesday afternoon the following program was rendered: Devotional, Miss E. W. Murphy; report of children's work, Mrs. J. C. Stewart; best method of developing children's work, Mrs. A. A. Willard; papers, China, Mary Colvin; Brazil, Marie Russell; Mex-

ico, Edna McWilliams; Japan, Charlotte Duffy; Africa, Ethel Hanna; Korea, Cora Moore; Cuba, Ethel Clark. Solos, Daisy Maultsby, Mary Hannis Whitted; readings, Mary Sloan, Mary Corbett and Florence Pearsall.

Though our Minutes show that at the 1902 convention a memorial was read of Mrs. Rebecca Lamb, yet the first Memorial Service recorded was conducted by Mrs. Jackson Johnson, at the annual meeting at Chadbourn, June 18th, 1903. She read from the 21st and 22nd chapters of Revelation and gave memorials of Rev. C. R. Morton of Brazil and Dr. Rankin. Memorials were read of the following society members who had fallen asleep since our last meeting: Mrs. Hattie Corbett and Mrs. May Murphy Corbett of Black River; Mrs. Patience Brown of Chadbourn; Miss Myrtle Boney of Wallace and little Bradley Parker of South River. Miss Murphy mentioned the death of Charles Lucas of Caswell, and Jean Pond, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Worth. The Memorial Service became a feature of our annual meetings.

Following the president's recommendation of the preceding annual meeting, the Union this year embraced the Home Mission societies, a forward step in broadening the work.

At the close of the convention, both a Woman's and a Young People's Foreign Missionary Society were organized in Chadbourn Church. There had been an active Home Mission Society in this church from the erection of the church building.

The Day of Prayer in 1903 was held in the Burgaw Church. The following account, which appeared in the "Presbyterian Standard," has been preserved: "On October 3 (1903) the Woman's Missionary Union of Wilmington Presbytery held in the church at Burgaw, a day of prayer and a farewell meeting in view of the return of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Worth to China. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. D. Johnson, pastor of the church, and Dr. Worth delivered an address of rare excellence and helpfulness.

"At 4 o'clock the special farewell service was conducted by Dr. A. D. McClure. Dr. and Mrs. Worth are peculiarly our missionaries, going out from our Presbytery. Their desire for others to go out from this Presbytery was emphasized, and prayer was made especially for more laborers. The parting was tender, and all went away resolved to do more for missions."

Mrs. Johnson said of the meeting, "It was one never to be forgotten by those of us who were there. We sat verily in heavenly places those all too brief hours."

At this Day of Prayer, Miss Mary Henry having resigned as corresponding secretary, the Executive Committee elected Miss Annie Moore to that office.

Four meetings of the Executive Committee were held between the annual meetings of 1903 and 1904.

The annual convention of 1904 was a notable one. The ladies of Faison Church were our hostesses. There was a two days' session, June 15th and 16th, with thirteen delegates from women's societies and eleven from young people's bands. Our foreign mission addresses were by Rev. L. L. Little and Mrs. J. L. Crowley. Rev. T. D. Johnson gave an address at the first evening session. The officers elected for the ensuing two years were: President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson; vice-presidents, Misses Eliza Murphy and Margaret Pierce; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie Moore; recording secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary DeVane; agent for Young People's Work, Mrs. J. C. Stewart.

It was at this meeting that the Union undertook to build the Kiangyin Hospital for Dr. Worth, and Miss Eliza Murphy was appointed agent for the fund. The amount to be raised was $4,000.00. Miss Murphy was also Chairman of the Organizing Committee, and did efficient work for both these causes on her visits to the societies.

For special home mission work, we undertook to raise a scholarship for Lees-McRae Institute, the mountain school at Banner Elk. This was to be given in honor of Mrs. E. A. McRae, who had labored so faithfully and long for home and foreign missions, both in the mountains and in Fayetteville and Wilmington Unions. Our part was $500.00 and the Fayetteville Union was to raise the other $500.00.

Twelve new societies were reported, making a total of forty-one, with a membership of 821, and contributing $1,136.00. Our president said that these figures marked the minimum of our development, placing as of more importance our increased personal knowledge of the work and devotion to it, the new life and interest manifested in the local societies, and the willingness of members to respond to the duties assigned them. The growth of our young people's work was most gratifying.

At this convention we find our wide-awake president making two important recommendations, viz: 1. That our societies and bands have mission study classes; 2. That one session of our annual meeting be given to Bible study along the line of a Bible Institute.

The Day of Prayer was held this year (1904), October 15th, at the Wallace Church. Mrs. Johnson said of it: "It was the most blessed meeting of the kind we had ever had." Addresses were made by Dr. Wells, Mr. Crowley, and Mr. Vass of the Congo Mission, and Miss Mary Devane gives a full resume of the addresses and other exercises of the day in the written Minutes of the secretary's book.

The annual meeting of 1905 was held in the Lecture Room of the First Church, Wilmington, June 14th and 15th. There were eighteen societies represented, and about sixty delegates in attendance. The chief features of this meeting were addresses by Dr. Phillips on Japan and on Organization; by Dr. Mattie Ingold of Chunju, Korea, and by Dr. J. O. Reavis on Foreign Missions.

Contributions from women's and young people's societies aggregated $1,451.00. The president's report showed that the work was moving along satisfactorily, and that mission study classes were growing. Nothing new had been launched this year.

The Day of Prayer for 1905 was held at Black River Church, September 29th, and was well attended. Talks and addresses were given by Rev. R. M. Mann, Rev. R. L. Wharton, of our Cuba Mission, Rev. L. W. Curtis and Mrs. Price, of our Japan Mission.

Mrs. Hall reported the completion of the Lees-McRae scholarship at this meeting, the last $15.00 having been contributed at the executive committee meeting in August. Mrs. Jackson Johnson had the honor of giving the first dollar on this fund. Miss Murphy did the first field work for it, at Mrs. Hall's request, while soliciting for the Hospital Fund, of which she was agent.

The year 1906 found us in annual convention, June 13th and 14th, at the Clarkton Presbyterian Church, with sixteen societies represented. Upon the suggestion of Mrs. Hall it was decided to establish a scholarship for James Sprunt Institute, our Presbyterial School for Girls at Kenansville. Mrs. Hall was appointed to take charge of this work. She had first made the suggestion at the executive committee meeting in August, when the Lees-McRae scholarship had been completed, saying the committee had inspired her to suggest this new work. Since that meeting, and on October the 15th, 1905, there had passed into the Beyond a much loved student of

the Institute, May Johnson. In her first year at the institution she had consecrated her life to mission service, and following her death, faculty and students were planning to erect a memorial to her in the form of a Loan Fund or scholarship at the Institute. Miss Murphy learned of this decision, and suggested that we combine on it, which was agreed upon, the school giving the initial contribution. It was christened the "May Johnson Scholarship."

The financial work of the Union for the year had been the raising of the fund for the Worth Hospital, and the completion of the Elizabeth McRae Scholarship.

Four executive committee meetings had been held during the year, at one of which a special program on "The Study of Wilmington Presbytery, and the Woman's Missionary Union" was prepared and sent to all the societies to be used at their May meetings.

The name of Mrs. C. R. Knight appears as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Rowland, member of our Executive Committee at Nashville, addressed an evening meeting on "Missions in the Sunday School," and Rev. R. M. Williams gave a Home Mission address.

Five new societies had been organized during the year, and the gifts from all societies and bands aggregated $2,044.00.

The following officers were elected for two years:

President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson; first vice-president, Mrs. J. A. Brown; second vice-president, Miss Margaret Pierce; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie Moore; recording secretary, Miss Miriam McFadyen; agent of young people's work, Mrs. J. C. Stewart; assistant agent of young people's work, Mrs. W. T. Bannerman.

The Day of Prayer for 1906 was held at Warsaw, October 6th, An address by Dr. A. L. Phillips, the Bible Hour, conducted by Dr. McClure, and an "Open Parliament," conducted by Mrs. J. A. Brown, were the special features of the meeting.

At an executive committee meeting March 21st, 1906, we note the first mention in our Union of a North Carolina Synodical Union. The subject was introduced by Mrs. Hall, and left open to discussion at the annual meeting in June. There is no record that the matter was taken up at the June meeting, the time probably not being ripe for this step.

The convention of 1907 was held in Wallace Presbyterian Church, June 13th and 14th, having nineteen women's societies represented by delegates and twenty-two sending reports, while nineteen reports were sent in by young people's societies.

Mrs. Johnson urged the necessity of a Presbyterial Visitor to organize new societies and encourage old ones.

Miss Jessie Hall, our third missionary to China, sailing the following September, was present and conducted a Prayer and Praise service. The subject of State organization was discussed at this meeting, the suggestion coming from the Albemarle Union. It received the enthusiastic endorsement of our president, Mrs. Johnson, who said in her report, "In my judgment it is a step forward that will strengthen our work and multiply our usefulness." Featuring this meeting were Picture Talks on Japan and Korea by Mr. Cameron Johnson, a home mission address by Dr. McClure, and a farewell message to the Union from Mrs. McRae, sent a few days before her death. This message, so characteristic of this militant saint, was as follows: "Hearty greetings and congratulations. Go forward in the work! For the King's business requires haste. We must be up and doing, for the night cometh when no man can work. Whatever else we leave undone, we must do the Lord's work."

The memory of this great hearted, gifted woman lingers with us as a fragrant ointment. The historian of Center Church, Fayetteville Presbytery, said of her, among other things:

"Perhaps her chief work was the organizing of Foreign Missionary Societies in the different churches of the Presbytery, and later in organizing these into the Missionary Union of the Presbytery. She visited over sixty churches in the Fayetteville Presbytery at her own expense, and endured, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, the hardships and discouragement incident to such work. The Missionary Union of this Presbytery, those of other Presbyteries, organized or quickened by her zeal, the hundreds, yea, thousands of immortal souls that have been, and will be in the future, won through agencies launched by this woman, constitute her monument that will endure in undiminished grandeur when the earth and the works that are therein have been burned up and the elements melted with fervent heat. For more than fifty of the eighty-three years of her life she was a member of Center Church, and her ashes lie in the cemetery near us."

The Worth Hospital Fund of $4,000.00 was reported as completed by Miss Murphy, agent. This fund was undertaken by the Union in 1904, and Miss Murphy deserves especial commendation for her untiring efforts in completing it in so short a time. Though often physically unfit, she went up and down the Presbytery, instant

in season and out of season, and her enthusiasm was contagious, her arguments convincing. She literally prayed the money for this hospital into the Lord's treasury. The wisdom of erecting this building has been amply proven by the reports from Dr. Worth since occupancy. It may now be stated that the Worth Hospital, (now called Kiangyin Hospital) is the heart of Kiangyin Mission, and this Presbyterial should never neglect it.

It was at an Executive Committee meeting in the fall of 1907 that, following an earnest appeal made by Dr. Worth, who was present, we promised to undertake the addition of a Woman's Ward to our hospital, subject to the approval of the Union.

The Day of Prayer for 1907 was held at Emmanuel Church, Wilmington. Dr. Forsythe, of sainted memory, was the missionary speaker.

The amount contributed by women's societies in 1907 was $1,900; by young people's societies, $290.00.

The history of the Union for 1908-1911 is rather uneventful, nothing new having been launched, and it may be briefly summarized as follows: 1908, annual meeting at Clinton; delegates from twenty-nine adult societies and ten young people's; addresses by Mr. W. H. Sprunt, on Christian Giving, and by Rev. C. H. Caldwell of China Mission; again an appeal for a Presbyterial Visitor; State organization recommended by the president. Amount contributed: women's societies, $1,981.00; young people's, $385.00; total, $2,366.

The Day of Prayer was at Burgaw, with addresses by Rev. J. R. Carpenter of Richmond, Dr. McClure and Mrs. Crowley. Miss Albaugh, under appointment to go as trained nurse to our Kiangyin Hospital, was present and talked interestingly of her call to mission work.

In 1909 the Union met at Mt. Olive, June 17th and 18th. Delegates from women's societies, 18; from young people's societies, 13. Miss L. B. Tate of Korea gave the foreign mission address, and Rev. M. McG. Shields the home mission message. There was also an inspirational address by Mr. Sikes. February 4th, 1909, the following members were added to the Executive Committee: Mesdames C. T. Harper, W. H. Sprunt, W. M. Cummings, J. S. Crowley, J. M. Plowden, A. O. Osbourn, H. G. Smallbones, W. H. Chadbourn, D. M. McIntosh; contributions from adult members, $2,198.00; from 336 young people, $501.00.

The Day of Prayer (1909) was held at St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington.

June 16th and 17th, 1910, the Union convened at Chadbourn Presbyterian Church; twenty women's and eleven young people's societies represented by delegates; addresses by Dr. Homer McMillan and Dr. S. H. Chester; all officers re-elected and a vice-president for each county added to the Executive Committee, these being, Mesdames Ward, G. L. Clark, J. A. Brown, and Misses Mary Sloan and Lina Hemenway. Dr. Worth's plea for an assistant doctor was stressed both in the president's address and in Miss Murphy's report; women's contributions, $2,398.00; young people's, $330.00. The Day of Prayer was held at Rockfish Church.

In 1910 Miss Isabel Arnold, then missionary visitor for the Assembly, visited our Presbytery, meeting with the Executive Committee of the Union and laying before them the plan for a Prayer Band in every society. To every society president and to every member of the Executive Committee was sent a copy of Andrew Murray's "Helps to Intercession," and a list of "Definite Petitions for Prayer Bands." One of these petitions was that from the Union of Wilmington Presbytery God will give a laborer for the harvest from each church and an average of one from each society. In response to this appeal three Prayer Bands came into existence, which met week by week and laid this petition before the Lord of the harvest. Within the decade following to the three foreign missionaries from our Presbytery then on the field were added, eleven gone to the field and others under appointment. The complete list to date follows:

Missionaries from Wilmington Presbytery

Dr. George C. Worth (1895), China.
Mrs. Emma Chadbourn Worth (1895), China.
Mrs. Lillian Johnson Curtis (1895-1900), Siam.
Miss Jessie D. Hall (1907), China.
Rev. Leroy T. Newland (1911), Korea.
Rev. Neill Graham Stevens (1912-1915), Africa.
Mr. Stacy C. Farrior (1912), China.
Miss Leora James (1916), Brazil.
Mrs. Rosa Lee Clark Wayland (1916), China.
Rev. Albert Sydney Maxwell (1921), Brazil.
Miss Ida McLean Black (1921), Africa.
Rev. Norman Player Farrior (1921), Mexico.
Mrs. Hazel Black Farrior (1921), Mexico.
Miss Pattye Farrior Southerland (1921), Mexico.
Rev. Charles W. Worth (1922), China.

VOLUNTEERS

REV. WILLIAM C. CUMMING.
REV. EDWIN MCCLURE.
WILLIAM WORTH.
DAVID W. ROBERTS.

In 1911 the Union convened at South River Church, June 15-16; delegates from twelve ladies' and five young people's societies; addresses by Dr. and Mrs. Worth; the Union decided to hold a Week of Prayer in the Spring and Fall for home and foreign missions; the need for money to complete our Woman's Ward in our Kiangyin Hospital was stressed; contributions, ladies, $2,305.00, young people, $294.00. The Day of Prayer was held at Black River Church, at which Dr. Worth was speaker.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, January 5th, 1912, a letter from the Synodical Union of Missouri was read, asking that our Union endorse an overture prepared by them to be sent to the General Assembly of the Southern Church in May, asking that body to appoint a woman as General Secretary of Woman's Work in the Southern Church. The Executive Committee endorsed the overture unanimously. On March 4th, 1912, the Executive Committee in session heard the report from the Conference in Atlanta, which informed us that they decided unanimously to ask the General Assembly for said secretary, and that her expenses be assumed by the women's missionary societies for two years. Also that each society be asked to give not less than a dollar per annum for this purpose. The report of the Conference was unanimously adopted by our committee. Mrs. Jackson Johnson, our president, was invited, by Mrs. E. C. Murray of Orange Union, to attend a conference of presidents at Greensboro, for the purpose of considering State organization. Our committee went on record as preferring a Synodical Union to a Synodical Conference.

The 1912 annual meeting at Wilmington First Church had twenty-seven delegates from women's societies, and twenty young people's societies were represented. Mrs. B. F. Hall was appointed Historian, the first mention we have of this office. She, therefore, became the first Historian of Wilmington Presbyterial.

There were ten missionaries present at this meeting, viz.: Dr. and Mrs. Worth, Rev. and Mrs. Crowley, Revs. W. H. Hudson, Lacy Moffit, L. W. Curtis and Mrs. Curtis, Misses Albaugh and Jourolman.

Mrs. Johnson reported that the General Assembly had promised us a secretary of woman's work, and that the question of a Synodical Union would come up at Montreat in August. Mrs. W. M. Cumming was elected as delegate to this Conference.

At an Executive Committee meeting, November 14, 1912, Mrs. Johnson, having been elected President of the North Carolina Synodical at Montreat the preceding August, tendered her resignation as president of the Union. Upon the request of the committee she agreed to continue as president until the June meeting. She reported that the Committee at Montreat had changed our name from "Woman's Missionary Union" to "Presbyterial Auxiliary of Wilmington Presbytery."

June 18, 19, and 20, 1913, marked the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of our Union. We met at Whiteville Presbyterian Church, and it was a memorable occasion. This Whiteville Society was a charter member of the Union at its organization.

The Minutes recording this meeting came out in a handsome binding of dark gray with silver lettering, and the significant inscription, "Silver Anniversary 1888-1913. All the way the Lord hath led us." Seventeen ladies' societies were represented by twenty-two delegates, and many visitors. The young people had twelve delegates representing ten societies. Addresses were given by Dr. and Mrs. Worth, and by Dr. Caldwell of the Mid-China Mission. A new constitution was adopted at this meeting, and the constitution of the North Carolina Synodical was read and ratified by the Presbyterial. The following ex-officers were made active and honored members of the Executive Committee: Mesdames Jackson Johnson, A. D. McClure, J. C. Stewart, W. M. Cumming, B. F. Hall, J. S. Crowley and Miss Eliza Murphy. The following is the constitution adopted:

Adopted June, 1913.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Woman's Presbyterial Auxiliary

OF

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY, N. C.

ARTICLE I.

NAME

This organization shall be called the Woman's Presbyterial Auxiliary of the Presbytery of Wilmington, North Carolina.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT

The object of this Presbyterial shall be: 1—To promote the formation of women's and young people's Auxiliaries in the churches of the Presbytery. 2—To diffuse missionary intelligence concerning the four executive departments and other branches of our church work. 3—To create missionary interest among women and children of the Presbytery.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

All auxiliaries which are composed of women and young people in the churches of the Presbytery of Wilmington shall be eligible to membership in this Presbyterial Auxiliary. Any such Auxiliary shall become a member of the Presbyterial Auxiliary upon signifying its desire so to do.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Honorary President, Secretary and Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, Secretary of Orphanage Work, and a Secretary for each of the following causes: Foreign Missions, Assembly Home Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Young People's Work and Sabath School Extension, Synodical Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Secretary of James Sprunt Institute, Presbyterial Visitor and Historian.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall have general oversight of the work. She shall call meetings of the Executive Committee and appoint necessary committees.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Section Two. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when she is unable to discharge them.

SECRETARY

Section Three. The Secretary shall: A—Keep accurate minutes of the annual meetings. B—Notify new officers of their election and committees of their appointment. C—Attend to all general correspondence of the organization and write all notices for the newspapers. D—Prepare a concise narration of the work done by the organization to be read at the meeting of Presbytery by the Chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work. E—Act as Secretary of the Executive meetings. F—Shall send to the office of the Synodical Secretary a copy of the yearly report and a revised list of officers to the Superintendent of Woman's Work. (This shall be done immediately after the annual meeting.) G—Shall prepare and tabulate Presbyterial Auxiliary reports and have them printed.

TREASURER.

Section Four. The Treasurer shall: A—Receive and disburse the Contingent Fund of the Presbyterial Auxiliary by the direction of the Executive Committee. B—Present her report at the annual meeting.

SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

Section Five. The Secretary of Literature shall: A—Correspond with the Local Auxiliary Secretaries of Literature, and seek in every way to act as a clearing house for gathering general data bearing upon the work of all causes, which she shall classify, preserve and circulate. B—Have for inspection or sale at meeting of Presbyterial Auxiliary a supply of magazines, scrap books, charts, maps, clippings, sample programs and the best and newest leaflets. She shall urge the Local Auxiliary Secretaries of this department to endeavor to stimulate a greater intelligence and higher efficiency by the organization of Mission Study Classes and Prayer Circles in their Local Auxiliaries. C—Endeavor to enlarge the circulation of the *Missionary Survey* and *Church Calendar of Prayer*. In addition she shall handle all of our church literature needed in Woman's Work and not embraced in the four causes, emphasizing especially the grace of Christian Stewardship by circulating literature on this subject. D—She shall make a report of her work at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary and send a copy to the Synodical Secretary of Literature.

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Section Six. The Secretary of Foreign Missions shall: A—Attend to all correspondence pertaining to the Foreign Mission Work. B—Correspond with the local Auxiliary Secretaries and Synodical Secretary of this cause and endeavor to secure a wide diffusion of missionary letters, clippings, leaflets, programs, magazines and books, and endeavor to stimulate interest in foreign missions by the organization of Mission Study Classes and observance of the Week of Prayer through the local Auxiliary Secretaries of this department. C—She shall receive and disburse the money for our special Foreign Mission object. D—She shall make a report of the Foreign Mission work at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary and send a copy to the Synodical Secretary for this cause.

SECRETARY OF ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSION.

Section Seven. The Secretary of the Assembly's Home Mission shall: A—Attend to all correspondence pertaining to Assembly's Home Mission work. B—Correspond with the Synodical Secretary of this cause and endeavor, through the local Auxiliary Secretaries of this department, to secure a wide diffusion of missionary letters, clippings, books, leaflets, magazines and programs and endeavor to stimulate interest in Assembly's Home Missions by the organization of Mission Study Classes and the observance of the Week of Prayer. C—She shall make a report of her work at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary and send a copy to the Synodical Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions.

SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Section Eight. The Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief shall: A—Seek by correspondence with the Synodical Secretary and the local Auxiliary Scretaries of this cause to increase the number of trained capable ministers and lady teachers and missionaries to enter the field, both at home and abroad. B—Urge the local Auxiliary Secretaries to impress on the women of her congregation the importance of proper religious influence in our schools and colleges where our future workers are being trained, and may assist the Superintendent of her Sunday School in presenting programs on her cause in the Sunday School. C—Urge the Secretaries of the local Auxiliaries to arouse the women of their congregation to a sense of their responsibility for the support and care of our wornout and disabled workers. D—Secure literature from the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief and circulate same. E—She shall make a report of her work at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary and send a copy to the Synodical Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION.

Section Nine. The Secretary of Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension shall be in close correspondence with the Leader of Young People's Auxiliaries and the Secretaries of Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension in the local Auxiliaries. Her aim shall be: A—To promote a missionary spirit in Sunday Schools and Young People's Auxiliaries. B—To impart instructions as to the best methods of work by the church for young people through the Sunday Schools and Young People's Auxiliaries. To inform herself through correspondence with the Synodical Secretary and local Auxiliary Secretaries concerning the progress and needs of young people's work.

SECRETARY OF SYNODICAL PRESBYTERIAL AND CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONS.

Section Ten. The Secretary of Synodical Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions shall: A—Be in close correspondence with the Synodical Secretary and local Auxiliary Secretaries of this cause, Synod's Superintendent of Home Missions and the Home Mission Committee of Wilmington Presbytery. B—Inform herself regarding the Synodical Presbyterial and Congregation Home Mission work of her Synod and Presbytery, including evangelistic work and Mission Schools, gathering and circulating information concerning their work and stimulating interest in the same. C—Stimulate interest in all forms of congregational and mission work, which embraces such duties as assisting the pastor in caring for the sick and poor, looking up new members, co-operating with the Deacons in raising funds for all congregational needs. D—She shall make a report of her work at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary and send a copy to the Synodical Secretary of this cause.

PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARY OF ORPHANAGE WORK.

Section Eleven. The Presbyterial Secretary of Orphanage Work should know every church, Sunday School and Auxiliary in her Presbytery. She should urge every Sunday School to give its collection on one Sunday to

the Barium Springs Orphanage; every Auxiliary to appoint a local secretary; to clothe one or more children; to give some definite thing at a specified time, once or twice each year. She shall endeavor to promote the circulation of the Orphanage paper, *Our Fatherless Ones*. She shall make a report of her work at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary and send a copy to the Synodical Secretary for this cause.

THE SECRETARY OF JAMES SPRUNT INSTITUTE.

Section Twelve. The Secretary of James Sprunt Institute shall: A—Collect and disburse all funds received from Auxiliaries for May Johnson Scholarship and James Sprunt Institute under the direction of the Executive Committee. B—Seek, by correspondence with local Auxiliaries, to arouse interest and co-operation in the upbuilding of the James Sprunt Institute under the direction of the President of the Institute and the Executive Committee of the Presbyterial Auxiliary. C—She shall keep in close touch with the student using the May Johnson Scholarship Fund and inform the Presbyterial Auxiliary of student's progress.

PRESBYTERIAL VISITOR.

Section Thirteen. The Presbyterial Visitor shall: A—Visit at the expense of the Presbyterial Auxiliary such Auxiliaries within this Presbytery as may desire assistance and advice in their work, organizing or reorganizing Auxiliaries where needed. B—She shall gather literature and first-hand information concerning the various ways in which the most successful congregations have been organized for work, as suggestions to those who are contemplating organization or desiring to improve upon the organization which they have. C—She shall consider the peculiar problems connected with the work of the local Auxiliaries, and under the direction of the Executive Committee shall furnish suggestions as to the best methods of meeting them. She shall also seek to discover how the latent energies of the women in the various congregations may be utilized to the best advantage, so that they may embrace the opportunities for every sort of service afforded by the needs of the communities. D—She shall co-operate with all of the Secretaries of causes in her work and make an annual report to the Presbyterial Auxiliary.

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers shall be elected for a term of three years, three being elected each year.

ARTICLE VII.

VOTING.

The privilege of voting on the election of officers and all constitutional questions shall be restricted to the official delegates and officers of this organization.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be annulled, altered or amended at the regular meetings of the Presbyterial by the vote of two-thirds of the voting mem-

bers present; *Provided*, notice of the intention to propose an amendment, alteration or annulment shall be given to the Auxiliaries belonging to the Presbyterial at least one month before the convening of the meeting at which such proposition shall be submitted.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

The Presbyterial Auxiliary shall be composed of Presbyterial Auxiliary Officers, three representatives, including the President from each local Auxiliary.

ARTICLE II.

PROGRAM.

The Executive Committee shall arrange the program for the annual meeting and the Day of Prayer.

ARTICLE III.

FINANCE.

Section 1. The expense of this organization for stationery, printing, postage and other incidentals, including railroad fare of President and Secretary to annual meeting and of those invited to the annual meeting, shall be paid from the Contingent Fund.

Section 2. Each Auxiliary shall be requested to meet its share in the Contingent Fund.

ARTICLE IV.

The Presbyterial Auxiliary shall hold its annual meeting in the Spring, the date of meeting to be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Officers of the Presbyterial Auxiliary shall constitute and be an Executive Committee. They shall fill vacancies as they occur on this committee until the regular annual meeting, and transact all necessary business.

Having adopted the new constitution, our Presbyterial added to its officers, secretaries of Assembly's Home Missions, Local Home Missions, and Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. That of Young People's Work we had for eleven years with Mrs. J. C. Stewart as secretary though we called her "agent." Our Foreign Mission Secretary was known as Agent for the Kiangyin Hospital Fund; our Home Mission Secretary was known as Agent for the Lees-McRae Scholarship and later for the May Johnson Loan Fund, though this would more correctly have been called "Christian Education." We also had a Secretary of Literature for years.

One of the features of the program at the Silver Anniversary was the presentation of the work of four Assembly's Committees in a splendid address by Mrs. L. J. Curtis, called "A Fully Rounded Work." At the request of Assembly's Committees she gave the address to our eight Unions, and it was afterwards published by them in leaflet form for free distribution.

Miss Eliza Murphy, after ten years of untiring labor and prayer, having finished most brilliantly the fund for our hospital in China, $10,000.00 in all, gave an interesting history of the work of the Presbyterial for this cause. We changed the name of this office to Secretary of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. W. P. M. Currie, who, as Annie Moore, had served the Presbyterial so acceptably from 1903 to 1908 as corresponding secretary, was elected to fill this office. Mrs. J. C. Stewart, after having served most efficiently for eleven years as secretary of young people's work, resigned and Mrs. Edwin Taylor was elected to succeed her. Concerning Mrs. Stewart's work for the young people, it may be said of her as of the Roman king, "she found it brick and left it marble." When she became secretary of this work, there were only three young people's bands in the Presbyterial. This number had grown to thirty-six. with five hundred members, whose contributions had aggregated $4,000.00, their gifts having gone to the Hospital, the scholarship funds, Orphanage and other causes of the church. From the young people's bands had grown up efficient officers for local church societies and for our Presbyterial, four missionaries to foreign fields, and two volunteers, whom God in His wisdom had called up higher. This development of the young people's work was largely due to Mrs. Stewart's personal and persistent work among them. Mrs. Jackson Johnson, who had for thirteen years served our Presbyterial as president most ably, aggressively, loyally and lovingly, having been elected to the larger office of Synodical president, resigned, and Mrs. A. J. Howell of Wilmington was elected to fill the vacancy, with Mrs. L. D. Latta of Wilmington as recording secretary and treasurer.

Though comparisons may be odious, they are not so in this history, because in studying the different periods and phases of the work of our Presbyterial in its forward march of thirty-five years, we are impressed with the fact that each president, who was selected and placed in charge, after waiting on God for Divine guidance, brought to the work just the service most needed during the period of her particular administration.

Mrs. Johnson was a progressive. She had vision and was always alert and ready to take up new and larger things in the Master's service. She brought to the work courage, spirituality, optimism, enthusiasm, and love for the service she was rendering. She met and mastered many difficult problems in the development of the work of the Presbyterial. She was always ready to give new things an honest trial, and had an unerring faculty for retaining of the old that which was good, and of substituting for the old that which was better. Her keen sense of humor tided her over many an awkward or discouraging situation. For instance, at one annual meeting the convention was met with a downpour of rain that threatened to last throughout the entire session. In the midst of the general depression her saving sense of humor singled out and enjoyed the one amusing incident of the occasion. It was before the day when women rose to their feet to speak with the present assurance, and most often without notes, but rather in the time when we arose with knees a-tremble and clung desperately to a carefully prepared manuscript, fearful even of looking up lest we lose our "place" and be undone. The lady who was to give the "Address of Welcome" (not "Greetings" in those days) was duly introduced and proceeded to read her carefully prepared speech. While the few delegates who had braved the weather to attend were leaning forward in order to hear above the noise of the storm, she calmly read, "While the sun sheds benignly upon you its glad rays of welcome, and the birds in our historic grove chant their joyous notes of praise and greeting, it gives me much pleasure to welcome also to our church and community such a goodly number of delegates and visitors." Her address had evidently been prepared under serene skies, and she was not the kind to be "veered about by every wind that blows."

The growth of the Presbyterial under Mrs. Johnson's guidance may be glimpsed from the fact that in 1909, at the end of her first year, she reported fifteen societies, with 319 members, contributing for the year, $678.00, while in 1913, when she retired as president, she reported seventy societies, 1,258 members, contributing $9,993.00.

She has been retained in the service of the Presbyterial as Honorary President, and we still lean heavily upon her for counsel and guidance. No annual meeting or Day of Prayer seems quite complete without her, and she is a faithful attendant still upon our Executive Committee meetings, driving the fifteen miles over country roads in good and bad weather in order to meet with us.

The year 1913-1914 found us at the beginning of our second stage on the road to our Golden Jubilee.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Andrew Howell of Wilmington, the following excellent things took place that year: First, Eight new adult societies joined our Presbyterial, viz.: Rocky Point, Bethany, Winter Park, Currie Council, Pollocksville, Home Mission Auxiliary of First Church, Wilmington, and Oak Plains, and three young people's societies were organized, Bethany, New Hope, and Mt. Olive; second, Mrs. Johnson, who had been appointed Presbyterial Visitor, visited most of the smaller societies, explaining the new plan of work under Mrs. Winsboro, as our Secretary of Woman's Work in the Southeren Church, also our Foreign Mission work and other plans of the Presbyterial.

The Day of Prayer was at Rose Hill, October 13th. Dr. Crawford, out-going missionary to assist Dr. Worth at Kiangyin Hospital, was present and made a fine impression. Dr. J. Mercer Blain was also present and gave a talk.

The reports of the various secretaries of causes at the annual meeting held at Burgaw, April 17-19, 1914, showed that the Presbyterial was taking hold of the new plan and that there was an increased interest in all the benevolent objects of the church. Every society in the Presbyterial reported their year's activities, a most encouraging record. Distinguished visitors with us at this meeting included Miss Jessie Hall, missionary from China; Miss Margaret Rankin, recording secretary of Synodical, who gave an address on Organization; Dr. J. Mercer Blain of China, who gave the Foreign Mission Address, and Mrs. W. C. Winsboro, our Superintendent of Woman's Work. She gave a most helpful address, outlining and explaining Woman's Work under the new organization. She emphasized the power of prayer, of systematic Bible study and of the training of young people. Mrs. Winsboro also emphasized the fact that we, as a Presbyterial, were favored above others in having our own Foreign Mission object—the Kiangyin Hospital. In answer to a question concerning the distribution of funds, under the sometimes perplexing new order of things, she told the body that it would be better to give one dollar to each of the other causes, thereby acknowledging the claim, and give all the rest to our Hospital, than ever at any time to fail in loyal support to our own object already established before the "Auxiliary" days.

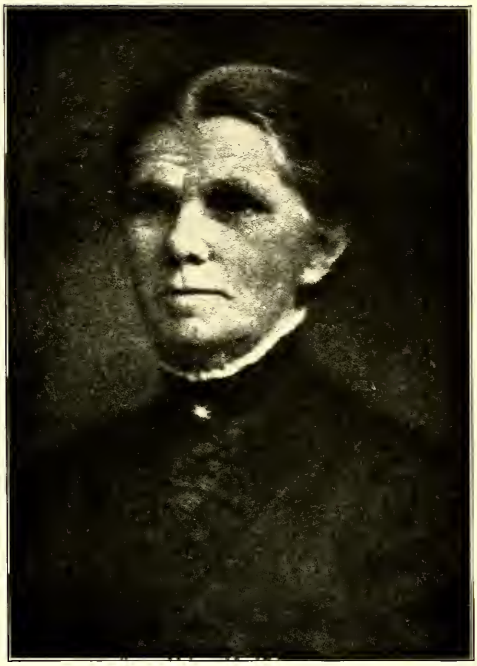
At this convention emphasis was laid upon Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, and Mr. Baker and Mr. Cumming gave

helpful addresses on these causes. The question of the amount of our pledge to foreign missions was settled as $1,200.00, the cost of Dr. Crawford's support. Increase in members over the previous year was; adults, 71; young people, 43; increase in contributions, $325.00.

With much regret the Presbyterial accepted the resignation of Mrs. Howell as President, which was made necessary by the press of other duties. Mrs. J. A. Brown of Chadbourn was unanimously chosen to take her place, and Mrs. James Thomas of Clinton was elected vice-president. Announcement was made that Rev. Andrew Howell had been chosen as Chairman of Woman's Work.

The year 1914-1915 saw two forward steps in our Presbyterial; one, a greater interest in our Orphanage work, largely through the influence of visits to the societies of Miss Hudson, field agent of Barium Springs Orphanage; the other, the inauguration of a young people's Rally Day. Since the date of the Presbyterial annual meeting had been changed from June to April, there had been a distressing falling off of attendance from the young people's societies, with a consequent decrease in interest among them. This decrease came about because of our young people being in school in April.

At an Executive Committee meeting, February 4th, 1915, this question of the inability of the young people to attend in April was discussed. Mrs. J. A. Brown, president, made the suggestion that we have a young people's Rally Day in June, at a central point, with a suitable program, conferences and discussions, and that the young people give their reports at this meeting, also that the Secretary of Young People have the day in charge. The suggestion was enthusiastically received by the Executive Committee, and it was so decided. St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, gave cordial invitation to hold this day with them. Thus was launched our first young people's Rally Day, our Presbyterial being the first in North Carolina to provide such a day for our young people. It is interesting to note that the Synodical Committee on Recommendations at the Fall meeting following our Rally, gave as their second recommendation, "That the Presbyterials discuss the advisability of a Young People's Day separate from the Presbyterial meeting." The recommendation was favorably received by many of the Presbyterials and out of these Rallies has grown the young people's ten-day Conference, held every June, and first begun in 1918, which has been such a power for good in the lives of our young people.



Mrs. B. F. Hall,
Organizer and First President of the
Presbyterial, 1888-1900.

The Day of Prayer was held in October, at Faison, with about sixty ladies in attendance. Rev. Lacy L. Little was our speaker on that occasion. Since our annual meeting Mrs. B. F. Hall, founder and first president of our Presbyterial, had fallen on sleep. The following memorial, written by Mrs. W. M. Cumming, was read before the body:

Memorial to Mrs. B. F. Hall:

On the 26th of April, 1914, just a few days after the meeting of the last Wilmington Presbyterial, Mrs. B. F. Hall, its first president, entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

The Presbyterial, not then called by this name, was organized in Wilmington First Church, April 30th, 1888, with Mrs. Hall as its first President. She served in this capacity for twelve years. She was indeed the mother of the organization, carrying it tenderly, prayerfully.

By means of it she awakened interest in missions throughout the Presbytery and set forward the work of her Lord and Master. Pioneer work is ever hard, and no one knows the weariness and discouragements that were overcome by her great love and perseverance—her abiding faith in Him.

The next year, 1889, its second meeting was held again in her own church in Wilmington. She had planned a great time and God sent great blessings. Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Stewart, Sr., of China, were present and she had the great joy of having from her own church two volunteers for the foreign field, Dr. George C. Worth and Miss Emma Chadbourn, who afterwards became Mrs. Worth.

The third year the Presbyterial met at the Old Duplin Roads Church, near Wallace, and the warm welcome given her there never left her memory.

The fourth meeting was at St. Andrew's Church, and so on every year, meeting here and there. There are notes of discouragement now and then in her records of these years, because of lack of interest in Missions among the people, but never a note of "give up."

At the twentieth anniversary of our Presbyterial, in 1908, Mrs. Hall spoke of the great blessing God had given her in allowing her to have a daughter in the Master's service in China. She expressed the hope that when the Presbyterial should celebrate its fortieth anniversary, it might have many sons and daughters bearing the message of salvation to China, Japan, Korea, Africa, Mexico, South America and the Islands of the Sea.

In her vision of the great world need, she did not forget the homeland, and those at her own door. Through her efforts the Presbyterial gave sufficient money to endow a scholarship in the mountain school, Lees-McRae Institute, and every year a mountain girl is receiving Christian care and training. When that was completed, she began raising funds for a scholarship in James Sprunt Institute at Kenansville, known to us all as the "May Johnson Loan Fund," and several young women have reaped the benefit from this, although the scholarship has never been completed. "She

stretched out her hand to the poor, yea, she reached forth her hands to the needy." The history of the Wilmington Presbyterial is a history of her service.

When, after twelve years, she turned over her well organized work to a worthy successor, she still labored on, only laying down her work when called to service at the courts above.

She was ever a woman of prayer—here lay her strength, here lay her power.

She was ever wise in counsel, undaunted in service, brave, courageous, gentle, prudent, delighting herself in Him and His work. She did great things for her Lord without pride, she did the lowly things with all gladness.

It was her ideal to have a missionary society in every church and every woman a member of the society—thus setting forward the kingdom of her Lord in our own and foreign lands.

May we who have entered into her labors not fall short of the standard set for us.

I call upon the women of Wilmington Presbyterial to keep close to the ideals of its first president—to follow close in the footsteps of its pioneer leader, even as she follows in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, doing everything with an eye single to His honor and glory. In the midst of vigorous service, calm, sweet peace was hers, so may it be ours,

May we ever be able to say with her:

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want,
He maketh me down to lie
In pleasant fields where the lilies grow,
And the river runneth by.
The Lord is my Shepherd; He feedeth me
In the depths of a desert land,
And lest I should in the darkness slip
He holdeth me by the hand.
The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want,
My mind on Him is stayed,
And though through the valley of death I walk
I shall not be afraid.
The Lord is my Shepherd; Oh, Shepherd sweet,
Leave me not here to stray,
But guide me safe to Thy heavenly fold,
And keep me there, I pray.

Mrs. Maggie Sprunt Hall was born October 20, 1844, at Port of Spain, Trinidad Island, of Scotch parents, who were living there because her father was engaged in business on the island. They returned to Scotland when she was very small. They moved to America when she was eight years old, and her father founded the well-known firm of cotton exporters, Alexander Sprunt & Sons, of Wilmington, N. C. Her father represented the seventh generation of ruling elders in the Presbyterian Church, and the line has been continued to the ninth generation. The family is prominent and honored

on both sides of the Atlantic. Mrs. Hall passed to her reward April 26, 1914.

Our annual meeting for 1915 was held April 13-15, at Elizabethtown. There were twenty-four official delegates present, a good showing for a meeting off the railroad. Mrs. Lacy Little of Kiangyin, China, gave a stirring address, full of interest and appeal. Her gracious personality was felt throughout the day, and it was a great privilege to have her with us. Dr. Homer McMillan was detained by missing connection. His place on the program was filled acceptably by Miss Sue Hall, who gave an interesting talk on her impressions of China, received on a recent visit, and on woman's larger service for the Master. Helpful addresses were given by Rev. Stanley White of Chadbourn, on Sunday School Extension, and by Rev. R. A. Lapsley on Home Missions.

The Executive Committee had held three meetings during the year. At one of these Mrs. D. B. Herring was elected Secretary of Local Home Missions, to fill a vacancy that had occurred. Miss Sue Hall was invited to become a member of the Executive Committee.

The reports showed that the societies were organizing according to Auxiliary's Plan, and were undertaking work, educative and financial, for an increased number of causes. Foreign Mission Study classes had increased from two to twelve and the $1,200.00 for Dr. Crawford's support had been paid. Gifts to all causes were $5,024.00, the president stating that while many churches had fallen behind in their gifts, and while the Foreign Mission Committee at Nashville was facing a discouraging deficit owing to the financial distress incident to the war in Europe, yet our Presbyterial had exceeded the amount pledged to foreign missions and had increased gifts to all causes.

The Presbyterial year 1915-16 began with the first Rally for Young People held in St. Andrew's Church June 15th, 1915. It was well attended and a gratifying success. The Executive Committee and Secretary of Young People heartily recommended its continuance.

This year also marked the creation of the office of Orphanage Secretary at the first Executive Committee meeting in May and Mrs. J. T. French was appointed to the office.

The Day of Prayer was held at Wallace. Addresses were given by Rev. W. M. Baker and Rev. Robert King.

The annual meeting for 1916 was held at Grove Church, Kenansville, April 26-28. Notable features of the convention were splendid

addresses by Dr. Homer McMillan on Home Missions and by Dr. Thornton Whaling on "The Breadth of the Kingdom." Delightful Mission Study demonstrations both for adults and young people were given by Miss Mary Kirk of Alabama. Miss McElwee, Synodical secretary of Young People's work, Miss Arnold of Virginia and Miss Hudson of Barium Springs were present and gave valuable assistance in our conferences.

At the request of our secretary of Orphanage work the Presbyterial adopted Round Knob Cottage as our special for that cause the coming year. Through the good work of Mrs. French interest in the Orphanage had greatly increased during the year. Gifts in money to the cause had increased $308.00. Total gifts to all causes were $5,717.00, an increase of approximately $700.00 over the previous year. At this 1916 meeting Mrs. W. T. Bannerman, having been elected Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical, resigned as Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterial in which office she had served faithfully and efficiently for nine years.

April 25-27th, 1917, found the Presbyterial Auxiliary in session at Clarkton. There were twenty-nine delegates present at roll call. An interesting program included: Normal classes in Mission Study, given in three lessons; a series of Model Devotionals for society meetings; addresses by Rev. J. S. Crowley, Rev. A. P. Hassell of Japan and Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Synodical President. The president's report showed a steady growth in the societies of the Presbyterial, expressing itself in gifts and prayer for all causes; in the cheerful and prompt meeting of pledges to Dr. Crawford's support; in a freer and more intelligent giving to Barium Springs Orphanage; in a growth of Mission Study classes, and a wider observance of Home and Foreign Mission weeks. Comparing the gifts of the Presbyterial in 1914 with those of 1917, they were found to have increased $1,844.00, and this in spite of the World War.

The President had appointed a Committee on Recommendations, hence her annual message contained no recommendations. This appears to be the first Committee on Recommendations in our Presbyterial and was composed of the following: Mrs. A. J. Howell, Mrs. Robert King and Mrs. James Farrior. Included in their recommendations were the following new suggestions: (1) that the officers of the Presbyterial constitute the Executive Committee; (2) that the Committees on Recommendations and Nominations be appointed in advance of the Presbyterial; (3) that the Auxiliaries

make definite plans for the establishment of Family Altars and report on this at the Day of Prayer; (4) that a secretary be appointed in the interest of James Sprunt Institute and the work of the May Johnson Loan Fund be included among her duties. The report of this committee was approved. The Day of Prayer for this year was held at Warsaw, October, 1916. Seven new Auxiliaries—six Young People's and one Ladies'—were reported.

This meeting closed Mrs. Brown's term of three years as president of the Presbyterial and she asked to be relieved of office. The Executive Committee passed Resolutions of Appreciation for her services during those years and published these in the Presbyterial Minutes of 1917. Her largest work as Executive Head of the Presbyterial was launching the new Auxiliary Plan. Many local Auxiliaries had to be convinced of the advantages of the new plan, others had to be persuaded to embrace the larger work and still others disliked giving up their old names and becoming merely one of many Auxiliaries, so the work was not all smooth sailing. However, the results were satisfactory in the main, practically all of the active societies having organized according to the new plan.

Mrs. W. M. Baker of Wilmington was elected president, Mrs. A. W. Southerland vice-president, and Mrs. Martin S. Willard, secretary of James Sprunt Institute.

Mrs. Baker entered upon her new duties with earnestness and enthusiasm. An Executive Committee meeting was called early in May to outline plans for the year's work. The Secretary of Young People having resigned, Mrs. J. C. Stewart was elected to this office. Two other meetings of the committee took place during the year, in October and February.

The Day of Prayer was held at Winter Park Church, October 25th, 1917. The meeting went into executive session and the following business was transacted: Mrs. A. O. Trust was elected secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Committee voted to undertake the support of a second missionary at Kiangyin station; Mrs. Baker was selected to visit the Auxiliaries and secure the necessary $1,200.00 for the support of the same and the money for her expenses was pledged. Two Young People's Rallies were held in June, one at Whiteville and one at First Church, Wilmington.

At the committee meeting in February, the necessity for some changes in our constitution, owing to the growth of the work since 1913, was discussed and Mrs. Jackson Johnson, Mrs. W. T.

Bannerman and Mrs. L. D. Latta were appointed to draft a suggested constitution to be presented to the Presbyterial at the spring meeting. The following *ad interim* nominating committee was appointed: Mrs. A. D. McClure, Mrs. R. W. Hicks and Mrs. J. C. Stewart.

The annual meeting of 1918 was held at Rose Hill, April 17-19th. There were forty-nine delegates in attendance and a number of visitors, among the latter being Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Synodical President, Miss McElwee, Synodical Secretary of Young People, Miss Mary O. Graham of Peace Institute, Raleigh, and Miss Hudson of Barium Springs. Rev. A. J. Crane, Evangelist of Albemarle Presbytery, presented the great need of Synodical Home Missions and Mr. Andrew Allison, Principal of James Sprunt Academy for Boys at Kiangyin, China, brought the Foreign Mission message. Other interesting features of the program were an unique "clinical lecture" on the local Auxiliary by Mrs. Ramsay and an illustrated talk on the work of the four Executive Committees of the church by Mrs. Baker.

The President's report showed much time and labor put into the year's work, she having visited twenty churches in interest of the support of the second missionary at Kiangyin, and having written three hundred letters. She reported thirty-nine Auxiliaries, 966 members, and gifts, $6,301.00. There were eight new Auxiliaries, increase in membership, 289; increase in gifts, $567.00. Thirty-one Mission Study classes were reported.

At this meeting our Presbyterial adopted Synodical's recommendation that we build a modern dining room and kitchen at Barium Springs Orphanage and accepted our apportionment of $2,500.00 to be raised in three years. This was apportioned among the local Auxiliaries by a committee. The Secretary of Foreign Missions reported all of Dr. Crawford's salary sent in and about half of Mrs. Crawford's. A new standard of efficiency was adopted. Among the recommendations adopted were that we give a banner each year to the Auxiliary scoring the best record and that we resume the printing of the statistical report in the Minutes.

Mrs. L. D. Latta resigned as secretary and treasurer and Mrs. J. O. Carr was elected to this office. The office of Historian, vacant since Mrs. Hall's death, was restored and Mrs. J. A. Brown was elected to take up this work. Other officers elected were: Honorary President, Mrs. Jackson Johnson; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. R. Phipps; Presbyterial Visitor, Miss Alice Behrends.

The new constitution was adopted and a hundred copies ordered printed.

At an Executive Committee meeting held at Rose Hill immediately after the adjournment of the Presbyterial in 1918, plans for the Young People's Rally were discussed and a committee was appointed to make necessary arrangements. The Committee on Standard of Efficiency Card was retained and authorized to purchase a banner to be presented to the Auxiliary making the highest percentage at our next annual meeting. This banner, the gift of Miss Eliza Murphy to the Presbyterial as a memorial to Mrs. Elizabeth McRae, was awarded to the Mt. Olive Church for the year ending June, 1919.

The Young People's Rally was held in the Church of the Covenant, Wilmington, June 6th, 1918, with fifty-three delegates present. Mr. Wade C. Smith made the inspirational address. Sixteen dollars and seventy cents was received for the Synodical scholarship, the new object undertaken by the Young People. Twenty-six Young People's Auxiliaries reported 454 members with gifts amounting to $715.00.

The Day of Prayer was held at Mt. Olive Church in November. Three meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the year.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Presbyterial convened in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, April 16-18, 1919. The theme of the meeting was "Stewardship," carried out in the several devotionals during the convention. There were seventy delegates in attendance and twenty visitors. The outstanding address of the occasion was that of Mrs. M. L. Swineheart of our Korean Mission. Dressed in the native costume, she pictured graphically and impressively the needs of the Korean people and her experiences as a laborer among them. Other speakers were Mr. Wade C. Smith, Rev. H. W. Koelling, Rev. J. O. Mann, Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth, Rev. D. T. Caldwell, Dr. J. M. Wells and Dr. A. D. McClure.

Among the good things reported were: First, the completion of the May Johnson Scholarship of $1,500.00 by Mrs. M. S. Willard, elected secretary of this cause in 1917. This fund was begun in 1906, and a little less than half the amount had been collected by preceding secretaries. Mrs. Willard was given a rising vote of thanks for her zealous and successful work; Second, this meeting inaugurated the District Auxiliary Day of Prayer. At the Executive Committee meeting in February, 1919, this new plan for the

Day of Prayer was suggested by Mrs. Baker, and a committee with Mrs. Jackson Johnson as chairman was appointed to work out the details. The Recommendations Committee endorsed it as their first number, and the Presbyterial accepted the recommendation. The plan submitted by Mrs. Johnson's committee was the division of the Presbyterial into eight districts with a chairman for each district, the meetings to be held consecutively so that the speakers for the week could go from one to the other of the meetings and the general plan of program used at the former Days of Prayer was to be followed.

The recommendation of the Secretary of Foreign Missions that we adopt a Foreign Mission Budget of $3,600.00, $1,800.00 to go to Kiangyin Hospital and $1,800.00 to be equally divided among the other Foreign Mission fields was adopted as a goal, but we have not held to this plan.

April 14th-15th, 1920, found us in session at Warsaw with seventy-three delegates and thirty visitors present. The theme for the meeting was "Power Through Prayer." At the first session Miss Jane Hall presented a gavel to the Presbyterial, bearing the following inscription: "Presented April, 1920, to the Wilmington Presbyterial Auxiliary by the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C. Made of wood from the old lecture room where the Presbyterial was organized May, 1888. In memory of Margaret T. Hall, President, 1888-1900."

Mrs. R. C. Carson, appointed in October to fill an unexpired term as Orphanage Secretary, reported all but $360.00 of the $2,500.00 pledged by our Presbyterial, as in hand. This deficit was immediately pledged from the floor. Mrs. Carson informed the convention that owing to the increased cost of construction, our building at Barium would cost $75,000.00 instead of $25,000.00 as at first proposed. The delegates accepted the new figures, $7,500.00 for our Presbyterial apportionment.

Six new Auxiliaries reported, two of which were Juniors. This brought the total to forty-four. Lula Hargrove was selected as delegate to Tuscaloosa Conference for Colored Women, being held for the first time. This conference was inaugurated by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church South and represents an effort to train leaders among the colored women in our midst. This year three of these conferences were held in the South, with an attendance of several hundred testifying to the need and the desire

among our colored women for better preparation for Christian service.

Prominent features of the program at this annual meeting were: A series of Bible studies on Mark, by Miss Angevine of Dr. White's Bible School; Foreign Mission address by Rev. W. M. Buchanan of Japan. Miss McElwee was present and helped in the Young People's conference. The Girls' Auxiliary of Mt. Olive received the prize for the best Scrap Book. The Presbyterial banner for best work went to the Auxiliary of the First Church, Wilmington. The Young People's banner for Efficiency went to Pearsall Memorial Junior Auxiliary. The reports of the Secretaries of Causes were most interesting, showing that each one had been at work and was informed as to what had been accomplished for her cause during the year and that there was increased interest in all the work. At an Executive Committee meeting March 12th, 1920, the office of Secretary of Prayer Bands and Bible Study was created. At the same meeting Mrs. J. A. Brown was asked to write a full history of the Presbyterial Auxiliary.

The Young People's Rally had been held at Winter Park in June with fifty-three young people in attendance. Rev. W. Hill of Fayetteville gave the inspirational address. Thirty-three young people from our Presbyterial had attended the Young People's Conference at Queen's College, Charlotte.

Six districts had observed the Day of Prayer and the reports showed that the new plan was highly successful. Three hundred women had attended and the helpful programs had reached many more than were formerly reached by the one place meeting. The collections were $38.00.

This closed Mrs. Baker's three-year term as President. Though on account of ill health she had not been able to give as much time to the Presbyterial her last year, she had given the work such impetus during her first two years that there was no break in progress and activities. Mrs. J. O. Carr, our efficient Secretary, and the other officers had wrought loyally and faithfully in carrying out the year's program and the results were most satisfactory. The following facts gleaned from Mrs. Baker's Report for 1920, will speak eloquently of the growth during her administration: Thirty-one Societies had grown to forty-four; 697 members had increased to 1,243; gifts had increased from $5,726.00 to $16,-484.00; Mission Study classes had grown from seventeen to thirty-

four. The movement for Bible Classes and Prayer Bands was well under way and an excellent Standard of Efficiency had been adopted. At the 1920 annual meeting it was decided to group our Young People into districts and hold four district meetings instead of one as formerly done. The work for Grove Institute (formerly James Sprunt Institute) was continued and an annual appropriation of $500.00 was recommended for this school.

Mrs. Baker had made a most efficient and progressive President. She was a splendid executive as well, inspiring her co-workers to a like zeal and interest. She was a good organizer, having the happy faculty of selecting the right woman for the right place and when she retired from office she left all departments in excellent working order. As the wife of the pastor of Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church she still labors among us, as witness that the banner for highest efficiency in 1921 went to the Mt. Olive Auxiliary.

Miss Jane Hall, daughter of our first President, Mrs. B. F. Hall, was elected President. This was a happy choice, for both by inheritance and training she is "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Mrs. Annie Southerland; Secretary of Grove Institute, Miss Winifred Faison; Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. H. A. Grady; Secretary of Young People, Miss Alice Behrends; Secretary of Orphanage Work, Mrs. R. C. Carson; Secretary of Bible Study and Prayer Bands, Mrs. W. M. Cumming; Committee for Grove Institute, Mrs. M. H. Wooten, Mrs. W. G. Whitehead and Miss Winnie Faison. The Nominating Committee provided at this meeting for the proper rotation of office in order to conform to Art. VI of the Constitution adopted in 1910.

The year ending 1921 was a full one both for our President and other officers. Two successful Rallies for Young People were held in the summer at which three-fourths of all the societies were represented. Thirty-five of our young people attended the Synodical summer conference at Flora McDonald College. The Young People reported thirteen Mission Study classes, twenty-one Bible Study classes and Prayer Bands, twenty-nine societies, 584 members, contributing $1,157.00.

In October came the Synodical Auxiliary meeting attended by our President and several officers. Also an Executive Committee meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington with sixteen members in attendance. The progress of the year's work was reported and plans made for the Day of Prayer. These were held

in six districts and were well attended. Mrs. R. W. Orr of Statesville, N. C., and Mrs. Jackson Johnson conducted delightful Bible Hours; Dr. A. A. McFadyen of China Mission gave the Foreign Mission talk. All districts reported much help spiritually from the day.

The annual meeting was held at Wallace, April 19th and 20th, 1921. The theme of the meeting was "Spiritual Life," and the motto "to deepen the spiritual life of our members." There were one hundred and twenty-seven delegates, officers and out-of-town visitors in attendance. The Home Mission address was by Mr. J. J. Murray, the Foreign Mission address by Miss Ella Graham of Korea. Wednesday morning was given to two conferences, one for the leaders of the Women's Auxiliaries and one for the leaders of the Young People's Auxiliaries, held at the same time but at different places. These proved helpful and conserved time at the convention. The Secretaries reported for the year forty-five mission study classes with 664 enrolled and seventeen Auxiliaries observing Home Mission Week in November. Eighteen had put their churches on the Survey Honor Roll. At the request of Mrs. Ramsay, Synodical President, Mrs. J. O. Carr made a careful survey of the church membership in September, 1920. The result showed sixty-four churches with a woman membership of two thousand one hundred and sixteen. Thirty-six of these churches are represented by a membership of one thousand two hundred and twenty in the Presbyterial Auxiliary, leaving eight hundred and ninety-six women not enrolled. These are interesting figures. Four hundred and fifty-eight dollars was given to Grove Institute; $5,418.00 had been collected toward the $7,500.00 goal for the Orphanage Building; the Scrap Book had been prepared by the Historian containing much interesting data; we were the only Presbyterial in the Synodical to send a delegate, bearing her expenses, to the Tuscaloosa Conference for Colored Women; we had six candidates for the ministry and two young women in training for mission service; our contributions were: from Young People, $1,188.00; from Women's Auxiliaries, $22,125.00.

The Young People's banner for highest efficiency was awarded to the Junior Auxiliary of the Church of the Covenant. Miss Murphy presented a most interesting and arresting report of our Kiangyin Hospital.

The following changes in our constitution were adopted:

That Section 13 of Article IV be stricken out and that the following be amended to read:

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Honorary President, Secretary and Treasurer, Secretary of Literature, Secretary of Orphaange Work and a Secretary for each of the following causes: Foreign Missions, Assembly Home Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Young People's Work and Sabbath School Extension, Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Secretary of Grove Institute, Historian, Secretary of Prayer Bands and Bible Study, District Chairmen and the honorary members elected at the Presbyterial meeting in 1913.

ARTICLE IV—SECTION 12.

The Secretary of Grove Institute shall seek by correspondence with local Auxiliaries to arouse interest and co-operation in the upbuilding of Grove Institute under the direction of the President of the Institution and the Executive Committee of the Presbyterial Auxiliary. She shall keep in close touch with the student using the May Johnson Scholarship Fund and inform the Presbyterial Auxiliary of students' progress.

ARTICLE IV—SECTION 13.

The Secretary of Bible Study and Prayer Bands shall endeavor to enlist every woman of the church in Bible Study and to have every woman in a weekly Prayer Band.

ARTICLE V.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Presbyterial Auxiliary shall constitute and be an Executive Committee. They shall fill vacancies as they occur on this committee until the regular annual meeting, transact all necessary business and appoint all nominating committees.

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers shall be elected for a term of three years, four or more being elected each year.

Following out the recommendation of the President and Executive Committee the election of officers was by ballot and resulted as follows: Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Boice; Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief,

Miss Sallie Hill; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. O. Carr; Historian, Mrs. J. A. Brown; Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. J. M. Harvey; Secretary of Orphanage Work, Mrs. J. T. French. A committee on Young People was also appointed and the young people were grouped into five districts for their Rally Days.

The annual meeting of April, 1922, closed thirty-four years of work for the organized woman's societies of Wilmington Presbyterial Auxiliary. The convention was held at Clinton and was blessed by having with us Dr. and Mrs. Worth, our missionaries at Kiangyin, China, after an absence of nine years. They were an inspiration throughout and Mrs. Worth's Bible Hours were deeply spiritual and uplifting. Upon the suggestion of Mrs. J. O. Carr that we make our annual report for this year a "Worth Number" our Minutes for 1922 were dedicated to them and contained also a message from them to us.

Two meetings of the Executive Committee had transacted much work during the year. We had lost our Recording Secretary by removal from the Presbytery and Mrs. J. O. Carr had generously stepped into the breach and in addition to her work as Foreign Mission Secretary acted as Recording Secretary as well.

There were four Young People's Rallies held in the summer with an attendance of 475, an increase of 325 over the previous year. The young people themselves presided and took active part on the program. Rev. J. W. Allen of Luebo, Africa, spoke at two of these meetings. Mrs. Harvey's report showed a healthly growth in Young People's work. She had stressed, not more organizations, but stronger and more efficient ones and thirty-six Young People's organizations reported an increase of membership from 584 to 977; twenty-four Mission Study classes with an enrollment of 508, an increase of 206 over the previous year. The banner for highest efficiency went to the Junior Auxiliary of First Church, Wilmington.

The Day of Prayer had been held in five of the six districts. The chief speakers were Mrs. Lacy Little and Miss Jessie Hall of our China Mission. Miss Jane Hall and Mrs. J. O. Carr presented the needs of our Kiangyin Hospital.

The President's financial report at the annual meeting showed a decrease in gifts of $4,000.00, this falling off being largely in gifts to Miscellaneous Benevolences. While distressing, it was not unexpected, owing to the financial depression all over our territory.

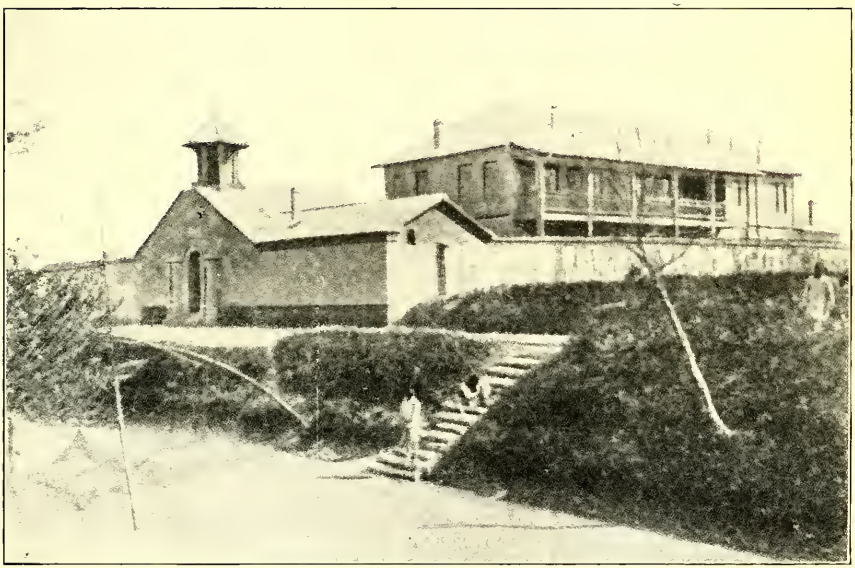
The membership had increased 104 and 198 Tithers and 181 Family Altars were reported.

Mrs. French reported only $1,246.00 lacking to complete our apportionment of the Orphanage Building Fund, and this has since been sent in. Miss Faison reported much building and repairing at Grove Institute and contributions from the Presbyterial of $345.00.

There were fifteen volunteers for Foreign Mission service and gifts to Foreign Missions had totaled $4,938.00, an increase of $449.00 over the previous year.

At the annual meeting the President recommended that the Standard of Efficiency adopted by the Presbyterial be discontinued, and in its stead the Presbyterial adopt the Standard of Excellence sent out by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Church. Also that we send a delegate to the Conference for Colored Women at Atlanta. Both recommendations were adopted, and Lillie Exum of Chadbourn, wife of Rev. John Exum, was chosen by the committee as delegate to the Atlanta Conference. The recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Vice-President serve as Corresponding Secretary was adopted. The Elizabeth McRae banner for highest efficiency was awarded to the South River Auxiliary, Garland. After Miss Faison's report Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth were given a rising vote of thanks for their excellent six year's work at Grove Institute.

The Presbyterial voted to raise $2,000.00 to build a home for Chinese doctors at Kiangyin Hospital, in addition to our regular $1,600.00 for the support of the Hospital. The recommendation of the Foreign Mission Secretary that all our Foreign Mission money not otherwise pledged be given to this cause was adopted. Dr. and Mrs. Worth presented the Young People of the Presbyterial with a handsome engraved silver shield which had been presented to them by the Mayor, the Chamber of Commerce and other gentry as a parting gift upon the departure from China for their year's leave. This is to be used as a reward in some department of Young People's work.



Kiangyin Hospital, Kiangyin, China.
Built by Wilmington Presbyterial Auxiliary.

Our Presbyterial Special: Kiangyin Hospital

Dr. George C. Worth in Charge

From the North Carolina Presbyterian, Wilmington, N. C., April 2, 1896, I quote the following:

This week we present faces familiar and dear to many of our readers, those of the two young missionaries who went forth last summer from the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington, N. C.

George Clarkson Worth is the second (surviving) son of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Worth, and grandson of Governor Worth. He was born in Wilmington, Oct. 29th, 1867. He very early manifested piety towards God and fidelity to all the relations in life. He made confession of Christ and was received into the communion of the First church, Wilmington, on Jan. 11th, 1884. He at once became active in service and his influence in the Bingham school was blessed in leading several of his companions to the Saviour. In the Fall of 1887 he was at his home again and was instrumental in enlisting the co-operation of four other young men in organizing the Young Men's Christian Association of this city. While at Chapel Hill he threw himself heartily into the Students' Volunteer movement. At the Y. M. C. A. convention held here in the Spring of 1889, he publicly announced his purpose—formed several years before—of becoming a medical missionary, and visited several of the institutions of the State in the interests of the movement. From Chapel Hill he went for his medical course to the University of Virginia and thence to the University of New York, where he completed his studies, and entered upon two successive terms of hospital work, the last of which he completed in June, 1895.

Emma Marie Chadbourn was also a child of the First church the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Chadbourn. When the present pastor, Dr. Hoge, took charge of the congregation she was the first to come forward to make confession of Christ, and was received at the first communion, Jan. 1886, with twenty-one others into the full fellowship of the church. She became one of the most active members of a band of young girls organized by her aunt, Mrs. George Chadbourn, and finally became its leader. Early in 1888 she communicated to her pastor her desire to become a foreign missionary, and in June, 1889, announced her purpose at the Ladies Foreign Missionary Convention of the Presbytery. She had been educated in the Tileston school in this city in which she had become a teacher, but went to Bradford, Mass., to complete her education in that school so associated wih the preparation of noble women for Christian missionaries and workers. On her return she desired to devote her time to home and Christian work, but yielded to the urgency of the Superintendent of Public Schools, and for a year and a half taught the higher branches in the schools. Meanwhile she was active in the Church mission work and had one of the most important classes in the Sunday-school.

In January, 1895, the pastor returned from a public meeting and said to his wife: "I saw two young people together tonight that ought to have gotten together long ago, and they looked very well satisfied." In April they called to tell him of their engagement, and received his congratulations and blessing. July 21st he united their hands in marriage. August 1st an overflowing congregation assembled at the church to bid them farewell and Godspeed, and the next day their friends bade them a tearful goodbye as they set out on their long journey. They arrived in Shanghai during the annual meeting of the Mission and were located at Wusih. Their letters are a source of constant delight and inspiration to their friends, and are full of happiness in their life work.

They went out from homes where they had every comfort and with the brightest prospects at home to undergo the hardships and privations of a missionary's life in China. They are practically self-supporting, as the cost of the entire journey was paid by their own families, and Dr. Worth and his father have provided for their entire salary. The Westminster League of the church supplies Dr. Worth's medicines and the L. F. M. S. is contributing for building him a hospital in Wusih.

From the same paper I quote the following:

First Church, Wilmington.—This Church addressed these noble and pathetic words to two of its missionaries as they go away to the Foreign field. The words are all the more touching because the departing missionaries are members who grew up in the Church: To Dr. and Mrs. George C. Worth:

Your home Church bids you farewell and Godspeed. As you depart once more from the Church of your youth, may it bring you no little comfort to remember that your places there are not left vacant; that, not only on her written records, but even in the very activities and worship of a blessed and venerable Church, you have an honored part.

In the years to come, as the procession lengthens from her doors, bearing the Saving name of Him who is not willing that any should perish, your Church will ever be mindful that you were the first who went to serve the King in a land that is very far off. And now may you return in the strength of the Lord and in the power of His might, with joy and great rejoicing. For you are of the King's cup-bearers, offering Him in your daily service the wine of utmost obedience. May the promised reward of such obedience on the part of her children return upon the Church at home, filling her with the spirit of surrender and of service with the very spirit of Christ.

In our farewell we give you, as you go, the tender regard of friends and the trust of fellow-workers. We pledge you our prayers, that they may still be an overcoming power before you in the way you go. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Attention has already been called to the fact that Miss Emma Chadbourn who afterwards became Mrs. Worth first publicly announced her intention of becoming a foreign missionary at the first Consecration Service in 1889.

These two went out from the Church in which our Union was organized and while self-supporting, they are under care of our Presbytery. So it was the natural and happy consequence that the Presbyterial has always taken an active loving interest in them and the work they represent. We adopted them as special objcets of our prayers, and our foreign mission gifts. The following extracts from Miss Murphy's reports will best give the outline of our work for this Presbyterial Special:

In the spring of 1903, the idea first came to us to build a hospital for Dr. Worth's work in Kiangyin. Dr. Worth assured us that this building was the greatest need of the station at that time. But it required some time for the Union to grasp the proposed plan, and the object was formally adopted at a called meeting of our Executive Committee in August, 1904.

Meanwhile the faith and enthusiasm of youth had grasped the idea at once. The first contribution credited to the hospital fund was sent during November, 1903, by the "Earnest Workers" of Caswell church, a fact in which the members of that band continue to exult to this day.

We set out to raise $4,000 in two years—80 shares of $50.00 each. During that winter (1904) Dr. Worth sent us certificates printed in Shanghai, a picture of himself with a group of patients in front of the native building then being used as hospital quarters.

By June, 1905 33 shares were pledged and in less than three years the fund of $4,000 raised and the hospital built.

In April, 1907, the first meeting of the Presbytery of our church in China was held in Kiangyin in our hospital chapel—the first use of the building. Dr. Worth came home just at that time, and gave account of what has always seemed to us a wonderful achievement, in the way of making money and space count in the buildings and grounds.

At the same time he brought us word that a separate woman's ward must be added at a cost of $2,500.

To condense history, and to trace the over-ruling for our good, the following facts stand out:

It was never possible to buy additional land. In the hope of procuring this land, the building of the ward was delayed. The money which was sent was used for contingent needs. Water works were installed, a house was built for storing fuel, and a small building of three (3) rooms for contagious cases. Five hundred dollars remained when Dr. Worth came home in February, 1911, and told us that the rapidly growing work demanded a woman's ward, an operating room, and proper surgical equipment, all of which would cost $6,000, this fund to be in hand on his return to China in September, 1912. Though the necessity and urgency for this completing of our hospital plant were so apparent, and the finger pointing so plainly to this as the next piece of work for us, our committee held three meetings, and the third meeting adjourned with the question not settled as to whether or not we could attempt o raise the $6,000 within the limit of time. The decision was soon made, however, and the campaign begun.

Just as the uniting of our forces at the beginning to build the hospital strengthened and broadened our work, so this larger undertaking aroused many societies to greater things, and brought gifts from many individuals.

The doctors of Wilmington, and Dr. Ben Graham, from outside the city, gave a steam sterilizer; the Saint Andrew's Ladies' Society and "Christian Endeavor" gave a private room of two cots, to be named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. McClure; the Duplin Roads Ladies' Society and Girls' Band gave a private room of one cot; Miss Margaret M. Craig gave a private room of one cot; Mr. C. C. Murphy gave a private room of one cot, Mr. Paul Murphy giving the cot. Other memorial cots have been given.

The necessary delay of Dr. Worth's return to China extended the time for our raising the fund, but in February, 1913, only half the amount ($3,000) was in hand. Just here we must turn back a few pages.

At Montreat, summer of 1910, the missionaries from China laid it upon our hearts very earnestly that Dr. Worth's work had been for some time entirely too heavy, and was increasingly so. In Dr. Worth's letter to the Union received that fall, he said that the previous year had proved beyond question that we must have another physician at Kiangyin, and he sent request that we unite in the definite prayer for a consecrated, capable physician to share the work in our hospital.

In February, of this year, the matter stood thus: Dr. Frank Crawford, of Virginia, just such an one as Dr. Worth desired, was ready, after his marriage, to go out in the fall to Kiangyin. The committee at Nashville had given Dr. Crawford appointment to the Mid-China Mission.

At the same meeting the committee decided that no new missionaries could be sent out unless a salary of $1,200 a year was pledged. On the 15th of February our Presbyterial Committee was called together to consider the following proposal: Mrs. James Sprunt offered to complete the hospital fund by a gift of $3,000, if the Presbyterial would take the support of Dr. Crawford and his wife—$2,400 a year.

This undertaking meant the raising of $1,000 by October 1st, 1913, for out-going expenses. Their salary beginning the day they reached Kiangyin.

What did this mean to us?

Why, we had been afraid we could not raise the six thousand dollars! With faltering faith we had begun the task. As we wrought on we had asked Him, whose work it was to help, to enable, to give us this fund, and He had given it. Let us dwell on this fact apart from other facts—seeing clearly that wherein we lacked faith were we rebuked; in so far as our faith reached up, we have received the "much more" from our Heavenly Father. By this dealing we are bidden, that when the way is pointed out, we may go forward and trust Him who points the way.

Now, consider other facts. This fund was not given us until the next task was set before us, and so duty is plain. With grateful hearts we accepted the three thousand dollars. Nor was this all. A little later in the Spring it came to the ears of these gracious givers, Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt, that the surgical equipment actually needed would require another thousand dollars, and that the hospital chapel and the men's

ward needed enlarging at a cost of $2,000, so another gift of $3,000 was gladly and readily made—"Exceeding abundantly above all we asked or thought!" Without any effort of ours, there has come to us for this beloved work as much from one giver as we set out to raise by a great effort of our own.

From the 15th of February, 1913, all receipts have gone toward the $1,000, due October 1st. This has reached about $600. It is with pleasure I report the $1,000 more than half raised, but we must remind ourselves that after June there are only three months of time. This fund must be in Nashville by October 1st. This new work will train us into habits of promptness. A building fund may wait, but the living salary must be supplied. Twelve hundred dollars every six months is our pledge, and we must be prompt and faithful.

It transpired that Dr. Crawford did not carry a wife out with him as we expected him to do, so we did not have to raise the $2,400.00, but $1,200.00, which was promptly and easily secured with the exception of the years 1914 and 1915. Dr. Crawford married after being in the field a few years and in 1918-1919 $600.00 additional was raised to aid in the support of Mrs. Crawford. In 1919 Dr. and Mrs. Crawford were transferred to another mission field that had lost their only doctor and Miss Albaugh, the trained nurse who went out to our Hospital in 1908, had died.

I quote from Miss Murphy's report in 1920:

REPORT FROM OUR HOSPITAL

A letter received in February from Dr. Worth contains the following: "We have finally decided that we cannot return home on furlough this year, though it is the appointed time, for the reason that we just cannot leave the hospital without either another doctor or a nurse. We had been looking forward to a visit home this year, after seven years of absence, and to us it is no small disappointment that the furlough must be abandoned for the present.

"My last letter to you spoke of our having secured the temporary services of a nurse from the National Church of Scotland Mission, Miss McFarland, but we have lately been deeply disappointed to hear from her that she cannot come. We have just tried to secure a nurse from the Northern Presbyterian Mission, but failed. Here we are again without the least prospect on the field and none that we hear of from home. Our Nurses' Training School is registered under the Nurses' Association of China as a hospital and school of the first-class, and our nurses are eligible for diplomas from the Association in addition to our local diploma. This is a position from which we shall be obliged to withdraw or be deleted unless we soon secure a foreign trained nurse to become our nurses' superintendent. It troubles us very much. If Mrs. Worth and I should leave on furlough, the blow would fall at once, as the Nurses' Association is trying to maintain a very high standard of excellence and

they would be obliged to withdraw our registry. Such an event would affect our standing in Chinese eyes and would give great distress to our pupils. It is a matter of first importance to us that we have a nurse as soon as a suitable one can be sent out. I am only mentioning this in such detail so that you can ask our people to remember our hospital with especial prayer that God will provide a nurse, as well as another doctor, to take Dr. Crawford's place."

Just here, let me plead that the women of our Presbyterial read and re-read what Dr. Worth has said until it is laid upon your hearts in such a way that from your hearts and lips there shall go up to God daily prayer—the three-fold petition: That Dr. and Mrs. Worth shall have strength and courage for this year of extended service when they so sorely need the furlough that is due; for the nurse, that the "Lord of the harvest" shall send the right one speedily; for the doctor, that if it is God's will, Dr. Crawford be sent back to Kiangyin (this is the great desire of both Dr. Crawford and Dr. Worth, though both defer to do that which is right and best for the whole Mission).

In addition to these needs which urge us to think often and pray much, there are items of encouragement gleaned from reports during recent months.

During the epidemic of influenza and spinal meningitis they wrote: "There have been many deaths all through the surrounding country. The hospital has been kept full. We have been protected thus far, but there have been deaths all around us."

Another letter gives numbers received into the church each year since 1916, that of a total between three and four hundred. We thank God for these.

From the Calendar of First Church, Wilmington, December 28, 1919, we quote: "Mr. Chas. W. Worth, Jr., a son of our beloved Elder and Missionary, Dr. Geo. C. Worth, having completed his course at Davidson, has gone to Union Theological Seminary as a theological student and candidate for the Gospel Ministry."

It is a temptation to give verbatim the portion referring to our hospital from the report to the Inter-Church-World Movement Campaign Survey. I will give a brief portion: "Our hospital is thus not only the sole hope of a multitnde of people, and will remain so, but it is also the one Christian hospital, stands for the great CAUSE, and must either be an honor to that CAUSE and reflect credit upon it, or else by its inefficiency, lack of essential equipment, or otherwise, attract criticism and depreciation, which depreciation and criticism always is primarily directed at the Church, the hospital being inseparable from the Church and being regarded by the outsider as simply a part of the Church visible. If the hospital or the school is not up-to-date they do not understand why the Christian cause cannot keep its representative institutions up-to-date. This is a point we feel very keenly, especially as there is really no answer to it."

From the Report of 1921:

Dr. W. H. Sprunt, Jr., wrote from Kiangyin January 23, 1921: "I have never met anyone who impressed me as much as Dr. Worth does. It is no wonder that the Chinese class him with their great men. * * * * * He has the capacity to put himself in the other fellow's place better than anyone I've ever known. At present he is the only man on his feet at the Kiangyin station, and has all the worries and responsibilities of the whole place. If he never said a word his life would have more influence than the preaching of half a dozen ordinary men. * * * * * I don't know just how well informed you, and the others who support Kiangyin, are about the equipment, but the two things that impressed me were the absence of an X-Ray outfit and waterworks. * * * * * The Chinese know that good hospitals have X-Ray equipment, and many go to Shanghai to get the benefit of it. Dr. Worth is awfully handicapped in this respect and it does not look fair to me to make a man run a hospital without it."

This shows the situation vividly as it appears to an outside observer.

Our Hospital has lost its registry in the Nurses' Association of China because so long a time has elapsed since there has been a foreign nurse at the head, and this in spite of the Worths staying on a year and a half over time in the hope of averting this disaster.

Dr. and Mrs. Worth are to come home this summer, leaving the hospital in the care of Dr. Nyi, a Chinese physician, and Miss Corriher of the Kashing Hospital, lent to us for a year.

The Presbyterial has already decided that the hospital support shall henceforth be called "Kiangyin Hospital Fund," precluding further confusion.

Dr. and Mrs. Worth spent the year beginning in the summer of 1921 to 1922 in this country on furlough and interest was revived to such an extent that our Presbyterial is undertaking to give this year $1,600.00 to the support of the hospital and $2,000.00 for permanent improvements. This will be spent in the erection of a home for our two Chinese physicians and their families.

The following report given by Mrs. Worth at the 1922 Presbyterial Convention brings the history of our special to date:

THE KIANGYIN HOSPITAL

(By MRS. GEORGE C. WORTH.)

After an absence of nine years it was a great pleasure to Dr. Worth and to me to attend a meeting of the Presbyerial. To us there is manifest a very great improvement along all lines; an increased attendance, a more business-like and expeditious manner of conducting the meetings, well prepared and encouraging reports, and much more general information and interest among the delegates in all kinds of work.

It was a great joy to us to see the loving interest which all manifest in the work of the Kiangyin Hospital, which has been the especial charge of this Presbyterial since 1904. The two large wards, one for male patients and one for women, as well as the outbuildings, which are used as isolation

wards, kitchen, laundry, bathrooms, storerooms, nurses' quarters, etc., were all built by the women and children of Wilmington Presbyterial. We have another ward, which will accommodate about fifteen patients which was built and furnished by the well-to-do Chinese of our city. The same friends are now giving an X-Ray plant to the institution.

We are supposed to have ninety beds; but as we have insufficient room for our nurses and no home for the Chinese doctors and their families, they are now occupying some of the private rooms. We are most happy that the Presbyterial at this meeting promised to raise during this year the $2,000 which is needed to build a double house for homes for our two Chinese physicians and their families, in addition to the $1,600 which is our annual appropriation to cover our deficit. The fees and contributions from the Chinese now cover seventy-five per cent. of the expense and the Presbyterial supplies the other twenty-five per cent.

Last year the hospital reported one American physician, no American trained nurse, three Chinese physicians, fourteen student nurses, five graduate nurses, eight hundred and eight in-patients, eighty-nine major operations, 6,516 individuals treated, and an income of $10,707.18. (Chinese currency.)

There was an epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis during the winter, and one of cholera in the summer. The hospital was much in demand and many lives were saved. We are grateful to report that none of our staff died, though a number of them had cholera.

Miss Nesbit has divided her time the past year between Soochow and Kiangyin. She is a trained accountant, and has relieved all those in charge of our institutions of the burden of accounts and bookkeeping.

Dr. Worth was in a very run down physical condition when we returned to the United States last August, but a visit to the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, Minn., and a stay in St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond, Va., have worked wonders, and he is now well and strong and eager to return to China.

All our friends will rejoice with us that our son, Charles W. Worth, Jr., is to be ordained as a minister of the Gospel in May, and expects to return to China as a missionary during the summer, taking as his bride Miss Grace McAlpine, who was born in Japan, and who is a third generation missionary (or whose parents and grandparents were missionaries to that land).

We know that your prayers will go with us, and we trust that the doctors and nurses who are so much needed in all our mission hospitals will soon be found and sent out.

1888-1922

"What Hath God Wrought!"

In 1888 our Presbyterial Auxiliary embraced eight ladies' and three children's societies—eleven in all. The membership was 288 and gifts for the year were $273.00. There were eight officers and we worked and studied for one cause, viz: Foreign Missions.

In 1922 we have thirty-four Women's Auxiliaries with a membership of 1,274, contributing in 1921, our high-water mark, $22,125.00 and in 1922, $18,079.00; we have thirty-six Young People's Auxiliaries with a membership of 977, contributing in 1921, $1,088.00 and in 1922, $1,108.00. In all seventy Auxiliaries, with a combined membership of 2,271, contributing in 1921, $23,213.00; in 1922, $19,187.00. We have thirty officers representing nine causes of church work. Instead of one annual meeting we have in addition six district meetings in the fall and four Young People's meetings in the summer—eleven in all. Instead of the modest four-page Minutes of 1901, it took forty pages to present all phases of the year's activities in 1922. Instead of one lone sister Presbyterial Union in Virginia we now exchange greetings and measure accomplishments with eighty-one other Presbyterials of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church and with six in our own State. Truly we can say, as did Jacob to God at Mahanaim, "With my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands." Not two, but many bands!

"Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward, at the south side of the altar. . . . And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand—the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand;—the waters were to the loins. Afterwards he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters

to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. . . . At the bank of the river were very many trees. Then he said unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea; which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. . . . By the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed; it shall bring forth new fruits according to its months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat and the leaf thereof for medicine."

Thirty-four years of vigorous life and growth! Wilmington Presbyterial Auxiliary, we hail thee! We honor thy founders and Godly leaders, thy generous, self-denying supporters. They hand to us a glorious heritage. Your historian has sought to catch, to hold and to pass on to you that subtle, indefinable but glorious and vital something that always abides in the history, ideals and traditions of any worth-while organization. May we by looking backward not lose the race, but rather inspired by what has been accomplished and strengthened by examples of earnest and Godly women, may we "thank God and take courage" for the accomplishment of larger things in the future. To those of you who now walk in the strength and gladness and vigor of youth, we pass on this royal banner of united service for the Master. Honor and cherish your Presbyterial Auxiliary; foster its ideals, enlarge its usefulness and interests, pass it on to the next generation stronger than you found it, for the promise is to you and to your children. "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." And as decade succeeds decade, and the tribes come up to your annual meetings—"to the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord"—review your history and add a worthy chapter to that already recorded. Yea, "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death."

PRESBYTERIAL OFFICERS.

"Not even a Homer can make a list of names interesting, even though they be the names of heroes."

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Mrs. B. F. Hall	1888 to 1900
Mrs. Jackson Johnson . .	1900 to 1913
Mrs. A. J. Howell . . .	1913 to 1914
Mrs. J. A. Brown . . .	1914 to 1917
Mrs. H. M. Baker . . .	1917 to 1920
Miss Jane Hall	1920 to 1923

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Mrs. T. B. Peirce	1901 to 1902
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Misses Eliza Murphy and Margaret Peirce . .	1904 to 1906
Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Margaret Peirce .	1906 to 1908
Mrs. A. D. McClure and Mrs. Annie Witherington	1908 to 1910

In 1910 the plan of a Vice-President for each county was inaugurated, these being:

First Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. McClure . . .	1910 to 1913
Second Vice-President, Miss Blanch Parsley . .	1910 to 1911
Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. O. Osborne . . .	1910 to 1911
Second Vice-President, Miss R. E. L. Brown . .	1912 to 1913

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Columbus County . . .	Mrs. J. A. Brown
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Onslow County	Mrs. Edward Ward
Sampson County	Miss Mary Sloan

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Mrs. James Thomas . . .	1914 to 1917
Mrs. A. W. Southerland .	1917 to 1922
Mrs. A. H. Witherington .	1922 to 1923

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MRS. W. J. SMITH, MRS. H. A. GRADY	1891 to 1894
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MISS KATHERINE CROMARTIE . . .	1900 to 1904
MISS MARY DEVANE	1904 to 1906
MISS MIRIAM MCFADYEN	1906 to 1911
MISS MARY SLOAN	1911 to 1913
MRS. L. D. LATTA	1913 to 1918
MRS. J. O. CARR	1918 to 1921
MRS. W. M. BOICE	1921 to 1922

RECORDING SECRETARY.

MRS. A. J. HOWELL . 1922 to date

TREASURER.

MRS. J. R. MAXWELL . 1922 to date

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MRS. E. W. TAYLOR . . .	1913 to 1916
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MISS ALICE BEHRENDS . .	1919 to 1921
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Mrs. R. E. L. Brown	1913 to 1914
Mrs. D. B. Herring	1914 to 1920
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Mrs. L. D. Latta	Mrs. R. C. Carson
Mrs. O. L. Clark	Mrs. Eugene Philyaw
Mrs. H. A. Creagh	Mrs. J. N. Southerland
Mrs. A. H. Witherington	Mrs. J. W. Stark

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Miss Pearl Murphy	1901 to 1902
Miss Annie Paddison	1902 to 1903
Miss Mary Henry	1903 to 1904
Miss Annie Moore	1904 to 1908
Mrs. W. T. Bannerman	1908 to 1916

Office merged with that of Recording Secretary 1916 to 1922

From 1922 to date, office of Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary combined, and Mrs. A. H. Witherington elected to fill same.

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Mrs. B. F. Hall	1904 to 1908
Miss Maria Loftin	1908 to 1909
Miss Mary Colvin	1909 to 1912
Miss Katherine Newton	1912 to 1913
Miss Margaret Peirce	1913 to 1917
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Mrs. A. O. Trust	1918 to 1921
Miss Sallie Hill	1921 to date

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Miss Marietta Behrends .	1915 to 1917
Mrs. M. S. Willard . .	1917 to 1920
Miss Winifred Faison . .	1920 to date

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Mrs. J. T. French . . .	1916 to 1920
Mrs. R. C. Carson . . .	1920 to 1922
Mrs. J. T. French . . .	1921 to 1922
Mrs. R. C. Carson . . .	1922 to date

Historian.

Mrs. B. F. Hall . .	1912 to 1914
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